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“Hopefully, they (India & Pak) can stop now. If I can help I will be there. Want to see them work it out... It's a shame. I guess people knew something was going to happen based on a little bit of the past... I just hope it ends very quickly — Donald Trump

“Rising India-Pak tensions will be of serious concern for many across Britain. We are engaging urgently with both, as well as other international partners, encouraging dialogue, de-escalation and protection of civilians — UK PM Keir Starmer

“Israel supports India's right to self-defence. Terrorists should know there's no place to hide from their heinous crimes — Israel ambassador Reuvan Azar

“China expresses regret over India's military actions and is concerned about current developments. China opposes all forms of terrorism. We call on India and Pakistan to... avoid actions that further complicate the situation — Chinese foreign ministry

■ 31 Killed In Strikes, Will Retaliate, Says Islamabad ■ 12 Civilians, 1 Jawan Die In Pak Shelling ■ 27 Airports In North & West India Shut Till May 10

PAYBACK FOR PAHALGAM

India Unleashes Mayhem On 4 Pak & 5 POK Terror Hubs Of LeT, Jaish, Hizb

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New Delhi: It was a cold, calculated, carefully calibrated retribution after keeping Pakistan on edge for 15 days since the Pahalgam terror massacre. In the early hours of Wednesday, India carried out precision strikes on nine terror hubs in Pakistan and

HIGH ALERT

► India shores up defences across land, air and sea. **Vital installations including dams under watch.** Multi-layered air defence network fully activated. IAF fighter jets flying patrols. **Tri-service Strategic Forces Command, which handles nuclear arsenal, on high alert | P 13**

► 430 flights cancelled. While all airlines, including foreign carriers, avoiding Pak airspace, **civilian flights halted at 27 airports, including Hindon civil terminal | P 13**

► Hundreds along LoC & IB evacuated to safer zones

► 4-hour blackout ordered from midnight in 4 border dists of Raj & Jodhpur

► Centre calls all-party meet at 11am to brief oppn netas. **PM Modi calls off 3-nation Europe tour | P 14 & 15**

POK to “successfully destroy them” in a synchronised operation by the IAF and Army.

Under the tellingly named Operation Sindoor, a strike package of Rafale, Mirage-2000 and Sukhoi-30MKI fighters fired a salvo of long-range missiles and ‘smart’ glide bombs without crossing the Line of Control (LoC) or international boundary (IB) in J&K after taking off from different bases in the hinterland. AEW&C (airborne early warning and control) aircraft served as the ‘eyes and ears’ of the supersonic jets for the mission.

OTHER TOP STORIES

Rohit quits Tests ahead of crucial England tour

Rohit Sharma (38) announced on Wednesday his retirement from Test cricket (4,501 runs in 67 matches at an average of 40.6) with immediate effect, leaving Team India in need of a new captain for the crucial five-match series in England starting June 20. Rohit will continue as ODI captain, BCCI confirmed. **P 25**

Right of accused to get all ED docs: SC

Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled a PMLA accused is entitled to get a list of all documents and material collected by ED during a probe. It said it is the fundamental right of an accused to have a fair trial. **P 10**

SC allows post-poll EVM mock voting

Adding extra layers of scrutiny in EC's amended SOP for testing the integrity of EVMs, SC Wednesday said if a candidate wanted to conduct mock voting on EVMs, its symbol loading unit could not be changed. **P 10**

5 schoolkids, driver die in Pjb road crash

Five students, aged between seven and 12, were killed when the SUV in which they were returning home from school collided with a truck in Patiala Wednesday. The SUV driver also died. Seven others were injured. **P 10**

Simultaneously, Army units launched loitering munitions or kamikaze drones for long-range air strikes and fired ‘smart’ extended range artillery shells to hammer specific targets based on hard and credible intelligence.

It's difficult to correctly assess the number of terrorists killed on the ground during Operation Sindoor, but intelligence estimates said the toll could be in the range of 70 to 100. “It would have been quite high at the two nerve centres in Muridke and Bahawalpur,” a source said.

The high-tempo blitz, from 1.04am to 1.30am, targeted four terror camps in Pakistan and five in Pak-occupied Kashmir. The Army took on seven camps that were relatively closer, while IAF handled the other two, sources told TOI.

The targets ranged from Sawai Nala camp in Muzaffarabad in the north, around 30km from the LoC, to Markaz Taiba in Muridke (Lashkar-e-Taiba HQ) about 25km from the IB, and Markaz Subhan Allah at Bahawalpur (Jaish-e-Muhammed HQ), around 100km away, in the south.

“India exercised its right to respond and pre-empt as

well as deter more such cross-border attacks. These actions were measured, non-escalatory, proportionate and responsible,” foreign secretary Vikram Misra said. “They focused on dismantling the terrorist infrastructure and disabling terrorists likely to be sent across to India,” he added, flanked by Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh at a briefing.

Video footage was released to underline the strategic and operational success of Operation Sindoor.

► ‘Scripted history’, P 17

Husbands killed by terrorists, justice delivered by Op Sindoor

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The saddest fortnight of Himanshi Narwal's young life culminated early Wednesday in a quantum of “solace” delivered from the skies, literally.

“India's action has brought peace to Vinay Narwal's soul,” said Himanshi, who was on honeymoon when tragedy struck. “I relate to the choice of the word ‘sindoor’ for the operation. Those who destroyed so many families have received the strictest punishment.”

Her words echoed from her home in Gurgaon to Arunachal Pradesh's Changlang, where another grieving wife of a slain member of the armed forces spoke of being “overwhelmed” on hearing about the Indian airstrikes.

“I request the govt to wipe out all terrorists so that no more innocents die in their hands,” said Charo Kamhwa Tago, who had been married

Op name & 2 women send powerful message

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New Delhi: The symbols sent as powerful a message as the substance of India's precision strikes.

Pahalgam's terrorists thought they were sending a message when they murdered husbands in front of their wives, after selecting victims by their religion. Via the name Operation Sindoor, GOI sent an immeasurably bigger message back — India is avenging the loss suffered by those women.

Sindoor, vermillion, is a symbol of marriage in Hindu custom. Pak's military-intelligence-jihadi complex would have been among the first to note the image put out by Indi-

DEEP STRIKES ON DEEP STATE

INDIA GOES HAMMER AND SCALP ON TERROR INFRA

Nine camps chosen from a list of 21 ‘well-known training camps’ on the basis of intel inputs. Locations chosen to avoid civilians and civilian infrastructure



PAKISTAN

1 **Markaz Subhan Allah, Bahawalpur**
100km from International Border, JeM headquarters, residence of Masood Azhar. 2019 Pulwama attack planned from here

2 **Markaz Taiba, Muridke**
25km from IB. LeT headquarters. 26/11 terrorists trained here. Osama bin Laden gave Pak Rs 10L for its construction

3 **Sarjal, Sialkot**
6km from IB. Terrorists

behind killing of 4 police personnel this March from this camp. Operated from primary health centre

4 **Mehmooza Joya, Sialkot**
12km from IB. Key Hizbul Mujahideen training camp. Pathankot airstrike attack directed from here

PAK-OCCUPIED KASHMIR

5 **Barnala, Bhimber**
9km from LoC, training centre for IEDs, handling weapons, jungle survival

6 **Abbas, Kotli**
13km from LoC, nerve

centre for training of LeT suicide bombers

7 **Gulpur, Kotli**
30km from LoC, base of LeT terrorists operating in Rajouri-Poonch. Behind April 20, 2023 Poonch attack and June 9 attack on pilgrims

8 **Sawai Nala, Muzaffarabad**
30km from LoC, key LeT training facility

9 **Syedna Bilal, Muzaffarabad**
JeM staging area. Camp for weapons, explosives training



An Indian missile hits JeM HQ at Bahawalpur

► Camps hit between 1.04am and 1.30am Wednesday. Long-range strike weapons used, including **SCALP cruise missiles (aka Storm Shadow), HAMMER precision bombs, and loitering munitions** (aka kamikaze drones that hover over, identify and eliminate targets)

► Name of operation symbolised the loss suffered by women whose partners were brutally killed in Pahalgam. A distraught Himanshi Narwal, sitting beside the body of her husband Lt Vinay Narwal, became the image of the tragedy

Notorious Nine: Why India Hit Them

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New Delhi: Of the nine targets struck by India early Wednesday, Lashkar-e-Taiba's base in Muridke and Jaish-e-Muhammed's Markaz Subhan Allah in Bahawalpur were the most important. Unabashed protection of Pakistan's army and ISI was the reason Muridke and Bahawalpur thrived as terror sanctuaries with seeming impunity for decades.

Located in Pakistan's Punjab province, the very base of the country's military-intelligence complex, the two seminars, inspired by hardline versions of Ahl-e-Hadith and Deoband schools of tho-



A damaged structure after the strikes in Bahawalpur. A source involved in the planning said the idea was to send a message: 'We know who you are and where you are. It's time for you to know about our intent and capability to get you wherever you are'

ught, seemed impregnable. Until Tuesday when the Indian Army and IAF hit them with precision strikes.

The Markaz, sprawling over 15 acres, has been JeM's primary hub for training and indoctrination of jihadis. It was where Maulana Masood Azhar, after sliding under the radar for nearly two years following international pressure on ISI, resurfaced on Nov 30, 2024. In his speech to JeM members, he reiterated his unrelenting hostility towards India, vowing revenge for the construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya at the site of Babri Masjid.

► Dozen terror strikes, P 16

Indian guns pound 3 villages across LoC from Poonch

Indian artillery “flattened” three villages, including Rawalakot, just across the Line of Control from Poonch late Wednesday night, according to official sources. Rawalakot is about 16km from LoC.

This was in retaliation to heavy Pakistani shelling through the day. At least a dozen civilians, including four children, were killed and 50 injured, report Sanjay Khajuria & Naseer Ganai. One jawan, Lance Naik Dinesh Kumar, was among those who died. All those killed were from Poonch, and five were Sikhs. **P 14**

Musk's Starlink gets LOI for satcom licence

Elon Musk's satellite communications venture Starlink has been issued a Letter of Intent (LOI) for a satcom licence. The development comes at a time when the govt is negotiating a bilateral trade agreement with the US to ward off the Trump administration's reciprocal tariffs, reports Pankaj Doval.

Starlink had been waiting for an approval of its application for a Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) licence from DoT for several years. “The company has agreed to follow India's laws around data localisation, interception and having a command and control centre here. LOI has been issued for giving out the GMPCS licence to the company,” top sources told TOI. The development follows recent conversation of PM Modi with Musk last month. **P 21**

“I am satisfied, my late father would now be at peace — Sanjay Lele's son Harshal. It's time govt takes decisive action to dismantle all terror networks and ensure no other family suffers what we are going through — IAF Corporal Hailyang's wife Charo Kamhwa. Nothing should happen to innocents, but those who try to indulge in rogue actions should not be spared. My son's sacrifice should not go waste — Sumathi, mother of Manjunath Rao. Our sindoor was wiped out by terrorists, but today I am very happy that under Op Sindoor our armed forces destroyed terrorists' bases in Pakistan — Santosh Jagdale's wife Pragati

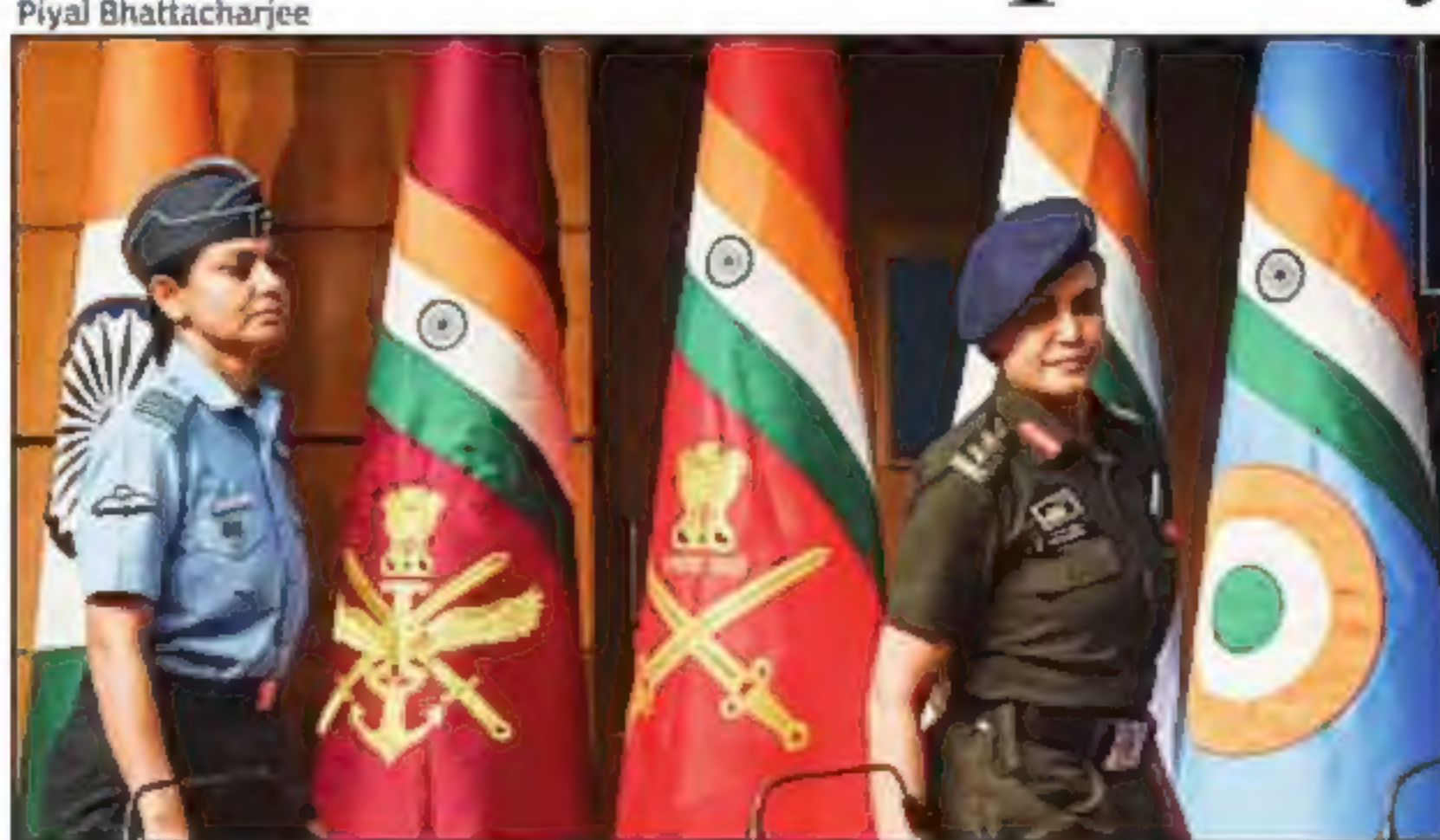
“India's action has brought peace to Vinay Narwal's soul. I am thankful to the govt, but I request them not to end it here. They should ensure that this is the start of the end of terrorism in our country — Lt Vinay Narwal's wife Himanshi

to IAF corporal Tage Hailyang for less than a year.

“Justice served. It's their turn to feel the terror,” said Jennifer Nathaniel in Indore,

just over a fortnight after her husband Sushil Nathaniel fell to terrorist bullets.

► ‘My sindoor...’, P 20



Wg Cdr Vyomika Singh (L) and Col Sofiya Qureshi | Profiles on P 12

an Army right after GOI's confirmation of the strikes — Operation Sindoor in block letters, with the first ‘O’ represented by a bowl of vermillion. But even more powerful symbolism was to come. Two women armed forces officers helmed the military side of India's official briefing. One, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, is a Muslim, the other, Wing Comman-

PM to Cabinet: Moment of pride, a unique op, it's only the beginning

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New Delhi: PM Modi on Wednesday lauded security forces for the success of multiple strikes on terror facilities inside Pakistan and POK, saying that the country was “proud” of them, while emphasising the need to be prepared for further security challenges.

“It is only the beginning,” sources quoted PM as saying at the Cabinet meet. “This operation was necessary as the entire nation was looking towards us.” Modi is learnt to have said. He was speaking after defence minister Rajnath Singh briefed the Cabinet about the precise targeting of terror camps. As ministers thumped desks, Modi struck a note of caution, stressing the need for continuing preparedness.

Modi, sources said, also hailed the forces for ensuring there were no collateral civilian losses. “In this respect, it was a unique operation,” the sources quoted the PM as saying.



PM Modi & HM Amit Shah at Wednesday's Cabinet meeting

Op boosts Modi's 'jo kaha so kiya' image

The PM stayed up the entire night to watch the “proud moment” unfold. In fact, the decision to record his speech for an event on Wednesday indicated he had already made up his mind on the date for the retaliation. The precision strikes will burnish his ‘jo kaha so kiya’ and ‘tough on national security’ credentials. **P 12**

ing. Modi also suggested that ministers avoid making unnecessary “political comments”.

10 of Parl, Pulwama strike mastermind's family killed

'Act of war', says Pak PM Sharif

Terror mastermind Maulana Masood Azhar said 10 members of his family and four aides died in the Indian strikes on Bahawalpur and wished he had perished too. The Jaish-e-Muhammed founder said he had “neither regret nor despair” over his actions, reports Rajshekhara Jha.

A JeM statement said Azhar's sister, her husband, a nephew and his wife, and a niece were among the dead. “I feel no disappointment. My heart wishes I had joined this joyful group of 14 pilgrims. Their departure was destined, yet it was not God who killed them,” Azhar said. **P 12**

Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif called India's strikes an “act of war” and claimed that a “resolute response” was under way. Pak army threatened a “strong retaliation” and revised the toll in the strikes from 8 to “at least 31”. Pak claimed to have downed five fighter jets, including three Rafales, but there was no response from India. Defence minister Khawaja Asif, who had earlier said they were ready to “wrap up” tensions if India de-escalated, later said they will only hit military targets. Late Wednesday, Islamabad restored air traffic on major routes. **P 13**

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TEMP ON WEDNESDAY

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MINIMUM

MOONRISE 3.22PM (THU)

SUNRISE 5.35AM (FRI)

Partly cloudy sky. Max and min temperatures on Thursday would be around 37°C and 23°C

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AQI IN DELHI ON WEDNESDAY (MODERATE)

Light rain, thunderstorm likely for next two days | 8



Delhi Knows The Drill! Ready, If Needed

Op Abhyaas Puts City's Emergency Response To Test

Atul Mathur & Vibha Sharma | TNN

New Delhi: Operation Abhyaas, a mega civil defence drill, was conducted at 55 locations in the capital on Wednesday, simulating various scenarios such as air raids, fires and rescue operations, among others. As sirens blared, personnel from disaster management, police, fire and health, rushed people to safer places and administered medical aid to the injured. At most places, the drill started at 4pm and concluded within an hour. As part of the drill, the New Delhi Municipal Council implemented a complete power blackout for 15 minutes from 8pm, while power was also cut for a few minutes in areas around the 55 locations where the drill was conducted.

The drill was conducted at schools, colleges, hospitals, Delhi Metro stations, govt installations, shopping malls, residential pockets and commercial areas that see heavy foot-



SWITCHED OFF TO STAY SWITCHED ON: Electricity was cut in markets and malls during blackout rehearsals as seen in this scene from Connaught Place even as security was tightened across the capital on Wednesday

fall. Some of these included Terminal 3 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Rohini Sector 18-19 metro station, Select City Walk mall in Saket, Fortis Hospital in Shalimar Bagh, MCD Civic Centre, Wazirabad water treatment plant, Chandni Chowk market, NDMC office on Sansad Marg,

Central Market Lajpat Nagar, DLF Capital Greens housing society at Moti Nagar and the Saket district courts complex. According to govt officials, over 12,000 personnel from the Civil Defence, police, fire service and health department along with NCC cadets, participated in the drill. Earlier, 660

schools conducted security drills and awareness programmes to prepare students for emergency situations. Officials said the training of school students was a crucial component of the exercise and would be replicated in other schools in the coming weeks.

"Kids have no knowledge of

an air strike or a blackout. We imparted knowledge about the sea and the basic protocol that needs to be followed in such scenarios," said an official. "Awareness generation and training of people, which we call capacity building, has to be widespread."

Awareness videos prepared by the National Disaster Mana-

gement Authority and DDMA on what needs to be done during a blackout and air raids were uploaded on social media, which, officials claimed, were watched by lakhs of people. Another official said that 1,800 Aapda Mitras, who are trained in disaster management, helped in the drill on Wednesday.

"We will now conduct advanced training for the Aapda Mitras for hostile attacks and upgrade their skills in the next few days so they can act as frontline warriors in such situations," said the official. "To make our volunteers better equipped, there will be a focus on procuring specialised si-



Piyali Bhattacharjee & Jatin Kumar

rens that will be centrally controlled, and other gear, apart from the formation of advanced quick response teams."

NDMC said in a statement that a complete power blackout lasting 15 minutes was implemented in area under its purview at 8pm. Even streetlights were doused. Only Rashtrapati Bhawan, Prime Minister's House and four hospitals were exempted. "Since the metro runs underground in the area, we decided not to bring it in under the purview of the blackout," said an official.

Officials said notifications were sent to all consumers two hours prior to the blackout. "They were requested to cooperate and make arrangements for an emergency situation. We are thankful to the RWAs and market associations who circulated the message among the masses and made the drill successful," said an official.

Connaught Place, Khan Market, Sarojini Nagar and Bengali Market took extra initiatives, asking shopkeepers to switch off emergency lights even as many shops chose to down shutters before 8pm. "The street hawkers too decided not to light their battery lights," claimed the official.

T3 simulates scare, comes out with flying colours

Priyangi Agarwal | timesofindia.com

New Delhi: Outside the arrivals concourse at Indira Gandhi International Airport's Terminal 3 on Wednesday evening, the hot and humid atmosphere echoing with the sound of rolling suitcases, passenger chatter and vehicle revving was interrupted by a piercing and loud siren. As the people stood gaping in confusion, trained personnel took charge. Assuming that the T3 Arrivals had been the target of an airstrike by enemy aircraft, the personnel focused on evacuating the terminal and responding to emergency needs.

Passengers, airport staff, employees of the eateries, crew members of airlines, and others at the airport were guided to the ramp leading to the basement. People huddled in the basement as they took shelter from the 'airstrike'.

An official involved in the war drill said, "Since the scenario was of an airstrike, the first step was to evacuate the building and ensure that people took shelter in a safe place. After we received the clear signal from headquarters—a siren in short bursts—we told the huddled people that it was now safe for them to leave the basement."

As people returned to the gates of T3 Arrivals, there was almost a sigh of relief as if lives had actually been saved. "It was assumed that a building collapsed during the airstrike while another building caught fire," disclosed another official who participated in the drill.

As the drill played out, the air again reverberated with the long persistent sound of sirens from emergency vehicles that arrived there. Ambulances

ALL HANDS ON DECK



Photos: Tarun Rawat



As the drill played out at IGI Airport, the air was filled with the persistent wail of sirens from arriving emergency vehicles. Medics carrying stretchers and first-aid kits rushed to the scene. Delhi Police, CISF, NDRF, GMR, Civil Defence, among others, participated in the exercise

with their claxons blaring arrived at the scene from nearby hospitals as did CATS ambulances of Delhi govt. Medics, carrying stretchers and first-aid kits, immediately reached the spot. Sim-

ultaneously, fire tenders from both Delhi Fire Service and the airport fire department, also with their sirens screaming, joined the operation. Besides, other security and disaster te-

ams equipped with oxygen cylinders and dressed in PPE kits became part of the emergency response team.

The teams gave first aid to those who sustained minor

injuries on the spot and took those who sustained severe injuries on stretchers to hospitals via ambulances. A security personnel even carried a man on his shoulder as

the individual was assumed to have been stuck in a building during the emergency. While firefighters doused the fire, other rescue teams assisted in the emergency response measures.

A member of the medical team said, "We were informed about the drill earlier during the day. However, around 4pm, we received a call on our official number that some casualties had been reported from T3. We immediately reached the spot and joined the rescue operation." The official added that depending on the nature of the injuries, they gave first aid or hospitalised the affected people, around 13 in total.

A firefighter with the Airport Rescue and Fire Force, who wished not to be named, said after receiving an alarm, they reached the spot in three minutes.

After the drill was officially announced to be "over", directions were given for the "patients" to return. Some passengers at the airport, who were not part of the drill, stood on one side of the premises, taking pictures and recording videos of the elaborate war drill.

Prateek Raj Yadav, sub-divisional magistrate, Vasant Vihar, who was the incident commander of the drill, said several agencies, including Delhi Police, CISF, NDRF, GMR and Civil Defence, took part in the exercise. "The drill was undertaken to create awareness among people about the siren and safe house where they can take shelter," said Yadav. "It was also conducted to find out if there are lapses in coordination among the various agencies. Today was the first exercise. Though we did not find any problem with coordination, we will analyse the drill with all agencies to improve our response."

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New Delhi: After the Indian armed forces' missile strike in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, flight operations were impacted at Indira Gandhi International Airport on Wednesday. Four international and 131 domestic flights were cancelled. According to FlightRadar24, a live tracking website, over 300 flights were delayed for 14 minutes on average.

According to an airport official, of the four international flights, two were arrivals and two were departures, and the routes were New York, Almaty, Toronto and Montreal. Out of the 131 domestic flights, 66 were departures and 65 arrivals involving the airports that have been closed, said the official.

Chandru Advani, a passenger who boarded the Delhi-New York flight along with his 86-year-old mother Renuka Advani around midnight, said, "We waited in the aircraft for over two hours. We were then made to disembark as our flight was cancelled. The airlines provided us with hotel accommodation and meals, but I want to return to New York soon," said Chandru. He added that he was also trying to book tickets through other airlines.

Delhi Airport wrote on X, "Due to changing airspace conditions, some flights have been impacted. Passengers are advised to contact their respective airlines for the latest updates and alternate travel arrangements. We are working closely with the airlines and Air Traffic Control to minimise any disruptions to flight schedules."

Hindon IAF base among 20 airports closed for commercial flights

Commercial flights have been suspended at IAF's Hindon airbase in Ghaziabad till Saturday morning as of now. Hindon is among the 20 airports in north and western India that have been closed for civilian flights till Saturday morning. Air India Express and Star Air operate about 14 domestic flights daily to and from Hindon. AI Express said on X, "We are offering a full refund or free rescheduling for our flights to and from Amritsar, Gwalior, Jammu, Srinagar and Hindon until 5.29am on May 10." Air India Express operates about 40 weekly flights from Hindon Airport to destinations like Bengaluru, Chennai, Goa, Jammu and Kolkata. Star Air flies to places like Belgaum, Adampur and Pune, according to its website. TNN

IndiGo stated that following the closures of certain airports, it was cancelling all flights to and from Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Leh, Chandigarh, Dharamshala, Bikaner, Jodhpur, Gwalior, Kishangarh and Rajkot till 5.29am on May 10. "We are closely monitoring the situation, and further schedule adjustments across other sectors may follow."

Air India has also cancelled flights to and from Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh and Rajkot till 5.29am on Saturday.

Class act under fire: Schoolchildren rehearse for the unthinkable

Sugandha Jha | timesofindia.com

New Delhi: The school bell had barely rung when an eerie siren pierced the morning calm. In one corner of the classroom, a four-year-old darted toward the window to draw the curtains. Another tiny hand reached up to flick off the lights. Moments later, students across grades dropped to the ground and took cover under desks—rehearsing how to survive if the unthinkable happens.

On Wednesday, schools across Delhi conducted security drills and awareness programmes to prepare students for emergency situations, as the country braced for possible retaliation following India's early morning airstrike on terror infrastructure in Pakistan. The drills, part of a city-wide civil preparedness initiative, were conducted on govt orders and aimed to familiarise children with how to act during crises like bombings, air raids or intrusions.

"Drop, cover, and hold on"—three key elements of safety procedures—became the morning mantra across cam-

pus. The drills began in schools and were later conducted in malls, markets and residential societies.

At DPS Vasant Kunj, students were guided through evacuation routes and taught how to respond to different emergencies. A fire extinguisher truck was brought in to give a live demonstration, adding a practical touch to the theoretical training. "The idea was to prepare without panic," principal Deepti Vohra said, adding that students had previously participated in earthquake and fire drills, but the context this time was different.

Indeed, while drills are not new to many Delhi schools, this week's exercise came amid heightened alert. The recent hoax bomb threats in city schools had already created a sense of urgency around preparedness. "Children are used to fire drills, but this was the first time they carried their bags on their heads while running down the staircase in response to an air raid siren," said a senior school staffer.

At Amity International School, Saket, and many others, the youngest students stood

out. As the war siren blared, nursery children sprang into action—turning off lights, pulling curtains and hiding under desks. "What will you need at home if there's an emergency?" a teacher asked. "Medicines, food and water," the children responded in unison.

The scene was similar at ITL Public School in Dwarka Sector 9. Teachers led students through a step-by-step drill, checking classrooms and ensuring no child was left behind. "As loud as the siren was, the children responded with surprising calm," said principal Sudha Acharya. "They have been sensitised, and it showed."

At Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar, the air raid drill began at exactly 10.02am. Students followed verbal and video instructions—switching off lights, closing windows, drawing curtains, and ducking under tables. Quick response teams formed within the school swung into action. Senior leadership supervised the floors and ground, and the all-clear signal was given after a few minutes, allowing students to return to routine.

For many students, the ex-

ercise also stirred feelings of patriotism. "This is our way of showing our army we are ready. They can go on—we are prepared," said Vandita Sharma, a senior student at Amity Saket, her voice firm. "We hope the situation doesn't escalate, but if it does, we are not afraid," added her batchmate Raabya.

At a govt school in Tughlaqabad, parents who had come to pick up their children joined in. Nursery students hid under desks, whispering with wide eyes, as their parents crouched beside them. "The siren was scary at first," a parent acknowledged. "But the teachers had prepared the kids so well, they knew exactly what to do."

Several school principals echoed the sentiment that while no one wishes for conflict, preparedness is vital. "I still remember the 1971 war. We had to turn off lights and stay put," said Divya Bhatia, principal, Amity Saket, who grew up in a military family. "It's not something you want to relive, but it's important to prepare the next generation. What happened in Pahalgaon couldn't go unanswered. We have full faith in our army."

DROP, COVER, HOLD ON



DPS, Vasant Kunj



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Amity International School, Saket



Govt school, Tughlaqabad

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e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, South 24-Pgs. W/S Division-I, PHE Dte. vide Ref. No. 05/2025-2026/EE/SWD-I/WBPHE and ID: 2025_PHE08_842188_1 to 5) for Day to day maintenance operation for different PWSS zones in different Blocks under SWD-I, PHE Dte. Details will be available in the website: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in>. The last date for submission of tender is 16/05/2025 upto 3.00 PM. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, South 24-Pgs. W/S Division-I, PHE Dte. ICA-19062(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE
e-tender work is hereby invited by the Superintendent Engineer, IT Circle, PWD, KIT Annex Building, 5th Floor, P-16, India Exchange Place Extension, Kolkata - 700073. Name of Work:- Construction of Kurseung Campus of Presidency University at Dewul, Kurseung, Darjeeling, West Bengal. Internet Connectivity : [Point to Point Connectivity and Internet Leased Line Connectivity]. Tender ID No. 2025_WBPWD/842234_1. Tender Ref: No. WBPWD/SE/ITC/NIT-03 OF 2025-2026. Bid Submission Closing Date: 28-05-2025 upto 05:00 PM. Sd/- SE, IT Circle, PWD. ICA-19031(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

IRRIGATION AND WATERWAYS DIRECTORATE
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
e-NIT NO.-WBW/EE/HID/ID/-NIT-03/2025-26 e-Tender is hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the eligible bidders for the work: "Construction of 01 (One) nos. Works under SOS Fund. Last date & time of Bid submission is on 15.05.2025 upto 14:00 Hrs. for SL 1. Details of tender No. may be seen at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> or <https://wbwd.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, Lower Damodar Irrigation Division, Singur, Hooghly. ICA-19001(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender is invited online from reputed and resourceful contractors/ Public Sector undertaking/ Govt. Company for the work: "N.I.T. No. PHE/SWSD/EE/Niet-02 of 2025-26 (Sl. No. 01 to 08) Ist Cir. (Tender ID No. 2025_PHE08_841564_1 to 8) Last date of submitting e-tender: 27.05.2025 (online) upto 2:00 P.M. Date of opening 28.05.2025 at 04:00 P.M. Please login in the department website: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> for details. Addenda/Corrigendum if any would be intimated in departmental website only. Sd/- Executive Engineer, W/S Division PHE Dte. ICA-19051(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting electronic bids for supply and commissioning of 01 (One) unit of Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS) Machine for the Dept. of Psychiatry, Burdwan MCH as per details indicated in the table below:
Equipment Name (Qty.): Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS) Machine (01). Bid Ref. No.: WBMSCL/NIT-36/1/2025. Dated: 05.05.2025. Last date of submission of online bid: 23.05.2025 upto 05:00 P.M. Interested Bidders may download the tender document and submit their bids online at the website: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in>. The tender document may also be downloaded from the websites: www.wbhealth.gov.in and www.wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL & Joint Secretary, H&FW Dept. ICA-19013(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE
Sambhu Nath Pandit Hospital- Construction of Bone Bank in the Female Pulmonary Ward of New Casualty Building in the year 2025-26. (Civil work). Estimated Amount: Rs.12,37,763.00. e-NIT No. WBPWD/KSHD/EE/NIT-03 OF 2025-2026. Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_842686_1. Bid Submission Start date (online) : 14/05/2025 at 2:00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing date (online) : 20/05/2025 upto 2:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT & tender documents may be downloaded from: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, PWD, Kolkata South Health Division. ICA-19063(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Cooch Behar Division, Social Sector, PWD Dte. invites online e-tender vide Ref. No. WBPWD/SE/EE/COB/NIT-03e/25-26. Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_842583_1. Bid Submission start date (online) : 13.05.2025 from 10:00 A.M. Bid Submission closing date (online) : 30.05.2025 upto 02.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT & Tender documents may be downloaded from: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer Cooch Behar Division Social Sector, PWD Dte. ICA-19046(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE/Darjeeling Highway Division, PW, (Roads) Directorate invites online e-tender for the work:- 1. Peshoke-Mungpo Road Restoration & Repair of distress bottom road of culvert damaged drops structure restoration of land slide affected zone and reconstruction of the broken parapet wall at Ch. 7.760 & Ch. 8.297 Km. under Darjeeling Highway Division in the district of Darjeeling during the year 2025-26. Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_842311_1. Peshoke-Mungpo Road Restoration & Repair of distress bottom road of culvert damaged drops structure restoration of land slide affected zone and reconstruction of the broken parapet wall at Ch. 3.010 Km. under Darjeeling Highway Division in the district of Darjeeling during the year 2025-26. Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_842311_2, 3. Garichura-Mirik-Simalabury Road, Emergent Restoration of land slides at ch. 32.9 Km and Construction of box drain under Darjeeling Highway Division in the district of Darjeeling during the year 2025-26. Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_842311_3. NIT No. 02 of 2025-26 of Executive Engineer, Darjeeling Highway Division. Bid Submission start date (online) : 13/05/2025 from 12.00 PM Bid Submission closing date (online) : 19/05/2025 upto 2.30 PM for Sl. No. 02 & 03. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE/ Darjeeling Highway Division, PWD, ICA-19048(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT is hereby invited by Assistant Engineer, RWS Howrah Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte. vide Ref. No.: WBPHE/AE/RWS/PHE/Niet-02 of 2025-26, Memo No-142/RWS, Dt: 05/05/2025. Details will be available in the website wbtdenders.gov.in and wbphd.gov.in Last date of application is 23/05/2025 upto 2.30 PM for Sl. No. 02 & 03. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE/ Darjeeling Highway Division, PWD, ICA-19057(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender Notice is invited by the Assistant Engineer, Rampurhat Sub-Division, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. 05/2025-26 of Executive Engineer, Rampurhat Sub-Division, PHE Dte. Details will be available in the website: wbtdenders.gov.in. The last date for submission of tender is 21.05.2025 at 14:00 IST. Sd/- for Assistant Engineer, Rampurhat Sub-Division, PHE Dte. ICA-19061(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE
Niet No. 04 of 2025-26 Circulated vide Memo No. 1247/SMD Dt. 02-05-2025. On behalf of the Governor of WB. e-Tenders are invited in W.B.F. No 2911 by the Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division PHE Dte. [2025_PHE08_841531_1 to 5]. Bid proposal submission end date 13.05.2025 upto 03.00 P.M. Other details information/download/upload will be available from the website: [www.wbtdenders.gov.in](http://wbtdenders.gov.in) Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. ICA-19050(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE
Bid reference no. WBMSCL/NIT-364/2025, Dated-06/05/2025 Under Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for the work: "Construction of Yoga Demonstration Room with Toilet Block at SHD at Chandri PHC District -Jhargam (Civil & Electrical Works), 2nd call. 2. Construction of Yoga Demonstration Room with Toilet Block at SHD at Bhanole PHC District -Jhargam (Civil & Electrical Works), 2nd call. Last date of submission of bid (online) : 21.05.2025 upto 03.00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from [www.wbtdenders.gov.in](http://wbtdenders.gov.in) or after 12.00 P.M. on 08.05.2025. Details of the tender will also be available at www.wbmsc.gov.in Clarification requests, if any may be sent to ee.civil@wbmsc.gov.in or info@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- Managing Director, WBMSCL ICA-19013(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIT NO.-HST/JP-148-2025/CAR/2025/350; Dated: 02-05-2025
E-Tender for procurement of Some Cardiology/CTVS items for a period of two years from the date of AOC is invited from the manufacturers/direct importers. Interested bidders may visit the website: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> or www.wbhealth.gov.in for further details. Bid submission start date (online) : 20.05.2025. Bid submission closing date (online) : 30.05.2025. Bid opening date (online) : 30.05.2025. Sd/- D.D.H.S. (E&S), W.B. ICA-19004(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

IRRIGATION AND WATERWAYS DIRECTORATE
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIT NO.-WBW/SE/IDC/NIT-04(e)/2025-26 e-Tender is hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the eligible bidders for the work: "Construction of 01 (One) no. deposit work. Last date & time of Bid submission is 29.05.2025 till 17:00 Hrs IST. Details of tender may be seen at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> or <https://wbwd.gov.in> Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Damodar Irrigation Circle. ICA-19000(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No. 02/SE (GRWW)/WAS/KMDA of 2025-2026
Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, GRWW Circle, WAS Sector, KMDA, Bidhanagar, Kolkata-700086, from eligible, reliable, resourceful, bonafide and experienced Firms / Companies / Individual contractors for the work: "Supply of Water Estimated Amount Plu to Tender, Earnest Money, Time of completion, Detailed Design, Drawing, Construction, Commissioning, start and end of Operation & Maintenance for 05(Nine) Years of Intermediate Booster Pumping Station with all Electro-Mechanical works, Supplying & Laying of Raw Water Rising Main with Temporary Road Restoration, Partial Permanent Road Restoration, Including Sanitary pipe laying work in one location for Diamond Harbour Municipality, District 24 Parganas, West Bengal under AMRRUT 2.0 on Turnkey Basis. Rate to be quoted by the bidder. Rs.10,00,000/- 21 months. End date & time of online bid submission: 03.06.2025 at 18:30 hrs. for details contact the above office or visit both websites: www.kmda.wb.gov.in (KMDA-100) www.wbtenders.gov.in ICA-19020(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE
A Notice Inviting e-Tender No. WBW/SE/EC/NIT-03(e)/2025-26, dated 06.05.2025 invited by the Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle, I & W Dte. for the work: "Strengthening against seepage of water, pitching in damaged Sundarban Embankment for a total length of 0.95 km along the right bank of river Ichamati at Mouzas-Barunhat (0.70 Km) and Kalutala (0.25 Km) in Block-Hasnabad, PS-Hasnabad under Basirhat Irrigation Division, District North 24 Parganas." Amounting to Rs. 4,47,17,000.00. Last date of bid submission is 29th May, 2025 upto 17.00 Hours. Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle, I & W Dte. ICA-19012(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PW(D) TENDER NOTICE
S.E.C.H.C., Public Works (Roads) Directorate, invites online e-bid for the work : 1. Collection of Thall on Shree Gouranga Setu over river Bhagirathi at Nabadip in the District of Nadia under Nadia Highway Division No. 1. eNIB No. 01 of 2025-2026, Tender ID : 2025_SH_842552_1. Bid Submission start date (online) : 14.05.2025 from 10:00 P.M. Bid Submission closing date (online) : 05.06.2025 upto 1:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only except time extension. Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from: <https://www.wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- S.E.C.H.C. ICA-19044(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender Notice is invited by the Assistant Engineer, Bolpur Sub-Division, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref:WBPHE/AE/BS/D/Niet/03 of 2025-26. Details will be available in the website wbtdenders.gov.in. The last date for submission of tender is 03.06.2025 at 15:00 IST. Sd/- for Assistant Engineer, Bolpur Sub-Division, PHE Dte. ICA-19052(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE
e-tender is invited by the Assistant Engineer, Chandannagar Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte. vide Ref. No. WBPHE/AE/04/CHAN/2025-26 related to miscellaneous works at various PWSS under Chandannagar Sub-Division PHE Dte. Bid submission Closing Date is 07.06.2025 upto 03.00 p.m. & Opening Date is 09.06.2025 after 03.00 p.m. For Details, corrigendum / addendum, participating in the tender login to: www.wbtdenders.gov.in Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Chandannagar Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-19054(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE
e-tender is invited by the Assistant Engineer, Chandannagar Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte. vide Ref. No. WBPHE/AE/05/CHAN/2025-26 related to miscellaneous works at various PWSS under Chandannagar Sub-Division PHE Dte. Bid submission Closing Date is 14.06.2025 upto 03.00 p.m. & Opening Date is 16.06.2025 after 03.00 p.m. For Details, corrigendum / addendum, participating in the tender login to: www.wbtdenders.gov.in Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Chandannagar Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-19054(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE
e-tender is invited by the Assistant Engineer, Chandannagar Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte. for Niet No. WBPHE/AE/03/CHAN/2025-26 related to miscellaneous works at various PWSS under Chandannagar Sub-Division PHE Dte. Bid submission Closing Date is 31.05.2025 upto 03.00 p.m. & Opening Date is 02.06.2025 after 03.00 p.m. For Details, corrigendum / addendum, participating in the tender login to: www.wbtdenders.gov.in Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Chandannagar Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-19055(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Engineer, N.H. Division-IX, RM (Roads) Directorate, Kolkata invites online e-NIT (No. 01 of 2025-26 of EE, NHDIV. IX). Details of eNIT and other documents may be downloaded from the website: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> and for any other queries please contact through email: nhdvisions9.pwd@gmail.com [Tender ID: 2025_NH_842679_1, Tender ID: 2025_NH_842679_2]. Corrigendum if any and other information's regarding bid evaluation will be published/sent in through e-tender portal only. Sd/- EE/NHD-IX, Matiguh, Siliguri. ICA-19067(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT NO. WBPWD/PCS/SE/ Niet-02/2025-26
Sr. SE, Presidency Circle, PWD invites online e-tender for the work of "Vertical extension of one floor along with renovation, modification of the existing building of Pranjal (Inside and Outside) and civil work in connection with new lift installation at 3/2, Government Gate Road, Kolkata-700022 (Civil and Electrical Works)." Tender ID: 2025_PWD_842585_1. Bid Submission Start date (online) : 14/05/2025 from 2:00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing date (online) : 03/06/2025 upto 1:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Sr. Superintending Engineer, Presidency Circle, PWD, Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-19068(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Niet No. :HFW/SCCGG/001/e-Tender/25-26(1ST CALL) [Outsourcing of Cleaning and House-keeping services & services of 'Dome' at the office of the Principal of Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay Government Medical College & Hospital, (Under Howrah)] Details are available in the www.wbtdender.gov.in ICA-18991(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

E-TENDER NOTICE
NIT NO-DCH/1529 DATED 03.05.2025 Tenders are invited by the Principal of Dr. R. Ahmed Dental College & Hospital, Kolkata, from reputed Firms for "SECURITY SERVICES" vide NIT NO : DCH/1529 dated 03.05.2025. Details will be available in www.wbtdenders.gov.in on 14.05.2025. Sd/- Principal, Dr. R. Ahmed, Dental College & Hospital, Kolkata. ICA-19003(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders is invited by the undersigned for the work "Repair and overhaul of AC machines at different places of State Central Library, Kolkata" NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER No.: WBPWD/EE/OA/IR/TKCED/01 of 2025-26 & Tender ID- 2025_PWD_842584_1. Bid Submission end date -21.05.2025 upto 02.00 P.M Website: <http://www.pwdwb.in> for details contact at the office of the undersigned. Corrigendum if any will be published only the said website. Sd/- B.Mandal, Executive Engineer, PWD Kolkata Central Electrical Division. ICA-19045(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE
e-tender work is hereby invited by the Superintendent Engineer, IT Circle, PWD, KIT Annex Building, 5th Floor, P-16, India Exchange Place Extension, Kolkata - 700073. Name of Work:- Construction of Delectable Commercial Courts at City Court, Calcutta: Provision of IT and Allied Infrastructure [Internet Leased Line (Backup Feed)] Tender ID No: 2025_WBPWD_842270_1 Tender Ref No:WBPWD/SE/ITC/NIT-04 OF 2025-2026. Bid Submission Closing Date: 21-05-2025 upto 05:00 PM. Sd/- SE, IT Circle, PWD. ICA-19032(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
N.I.T. NO.-WBW/500/KSD-X/- e-NIT-01e/2025-26(2nd Call)
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, e-Tender is invited by the undersigned for 01 (One) no. of work under Kangsabati Canals Sub-Division No.-X, Kotulpur, Bankura, I&W Dte. Details of NIT & Tender documents may be seen in the website: www.wbtdenders.gov.in and www.wbwd.gov.in Sd/- Sub-Divisional Officer, Kangsabati Canals Sub-Division No.-X, Kotulpur, Bankura. ICA-18994(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Abridged Tender Notice
e-Tenders are invited for Niet No. 23/Rejuvenation of Degraded Forest (RDF) at mouza Keshia of Gidhni Range, Niet No. 24/Rejuvenation of Degraded Forest (RDF) at mouza Dumuria of Gidhni Range, Niet No. 25/Rejuvenation of Degraded Forest (RDF) at mouza Baidya of Gidhni Range, Niet No. 26/Rejuvenation of Degraded Forest (RDF) at mouza Goida of Gidhni Range, Niet No. 27/Rejuvenation of Degraded Forest (RDF) at mouza Baghakhandar of Gidhni Range, Niet No. 28/Rejuvenation of Degraded Forest (RDF) at mouza Koshafolia of Gidhni Range, in Jhargam Division under Natural Resource Management (NRM) Scheme of PMKSY watershed No-WDC-2/03/21-22/ Jhargam Division/2020-2025. Other detailed information/download/uploading may be done from the website: www.wbtdenders.gov.in and are also available at Divisional Forest Officer, Jhargam Division, Jhargam, Jhargam on any working days. Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Jhargam Division, Ghoradaha, P.O., Jhargam, Dist. Jhargam. ICA-18993(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
NIT No. (1) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-008 SR/487/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841492_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. Bid Opening Date 21.05.2025. NIT No. (2) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-009 SR/447/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841563_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. Bid Opening Date 21.05.2025. NIT No. (3) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-010 SR/447/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841563_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. Bid Opening Date 21.05.2025. NIT No. (4) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-011 SR/447/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841563_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. Bid Opening Date 21.05.2025. NIT No. (5) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-012 SR/447/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841563_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. Bid Opening Date 21.05.2025. NIT No. (6) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-013 SR/447/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841563_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. Bid Opening Date 21.05.2025. NIT No. (7) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-014 SR/447/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841563_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. Bid Opening Date 21.05.2025. NIT No. (8) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-015 SR/447/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841563_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. Bid Opening Date 21.05.2025. NIT No. (9) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-016 SR/447/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841563_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. Bid Opening Date 21.05.2025. NIT No. (10) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-017 SR/447/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841563_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. Bid Opening Date 21.05.2025. NIT No. (11) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-018 SR/447/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841563_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. Bid Opening Date 21.05.2025. NIT No. (12) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-019 SR/447/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841563_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. Bid Opening Date 21.05.2025. NIT No. (13) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-020 SR/447/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841563_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. Bid Opening Date 21.05.2025. NIT No. (14) WBPDP/PPS/PUR/NIT-(E)-021 SR/447/2024-25, Tender ID : 2025_DPL_841563_1. For Procurement of Poly Aluminium Chloride (High Basicity and Medium Basicity) Specification should be as per BIS 15573-2024. Bid Submission end date 17.05.2025. 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Boxes Ticked At Emergency Readiness Check At Hospital

Charak Palika Simulates Airstrike And Bomb Blast Scenarios

MOTI BAGH

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Until 2.30pm Wednesday, all was calm at Charak Palika Hospital in Moti Bagh. A few guards sat outside watching patients walk in while the staff carried on with their usual daily routine. As the afternoon wore on, the crowds began to gather, as did the city's emergency responders — 25 police officers, six traffic cops, 20 firefighters and 44 civil defence volunteers. NDMC officials, four IGL representatives and SDM (HQ) R K Ahuja arrived too. "This is part of a ministry-directed exercise in identified districts to test the readiness of different emergency service functionaries. The idea is to simulate a scenario like an airstrike or bombing — leading to fires, building collapse and casualties — and evaluate how prepared our systems are to respond," said Ahuja. As the sirens blared, the hospital premises turned into a scene of orchestrated emer-



Fire tenders screeched in, spraying water to simulate firefighting

gency. The scenario: an airstrike and bomb blast on the rear side of the hospital. Fire tenders screeched in, spraying water to simulate firefighting. Civil defence teams quickly cordoned off the area. Volunteers, in coordinated formations, began evacuating patients using "three-hand" and "four-hand" carries. For Laxman Singh, deputy chief warden (Chanakya-puri) and gold medalist in disaster management training, the drill brought back

memories from the 1971 war, when he was part of Delhi's Civil Defence Corps. "During blackouts, SDM-led teams would patrol colonies to ensure all lights were off. It was a different time," he recalled. "We had nothing — no gear, no technology. But today, we have the tools. Still, we got complacent somewhere. Maybe this is the wake-up call we needed. I hope such drills happen quarterly." In a quieter corner of the hospital, where stretchers

and emergency medication were kept in a tin shed, a doctor said he has been preparing his wing for emergencies for the past five years. On India's airstrikes on Pakistan, he said, "It is a proud moment, showing our country will not tolerate wrong." He said he plans to add the day's events to a scrapbook he's compiling for his son — "a time capsule on India's work and important historical events since 1945 to be gifted on his 18th birthday". Manisha, who had come for a checkup, said, "We learn by watching these drills." Her 32-year-old daughter added, "Today is a proud day for all of us. Justice is served." At Kendriya Vidyalaya 2 in Delhi Cantt, a different scenario played out. "A building collapsed, with 10 people injured, 7 of them seriously, and 15 trapped, including five teachers and 10 children," said Shiv Singh Meena, SDM Delhi Cantt. NCC cadets participated alongside the children. One of them, Divyansh, son of an IAF officer, said, "The drills are important for preparedness — now even more."

Patriotism and pride fill the air at society in Vasant Kunj

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: At Santushti Apartments in Vasant Kunj, the air was thick with patriotic fervour. The drill unfolded not just as a routine civil preparedness exercise but also as a likely tribute to 'Operation Sindoor'. The simulated scenario portrayed an airstrike raid, complete with fire tenders, civil defence teams and emergency responders springing into action. What followed transformed the exercise into something more than protocol—it became more like a celebration of national pride. As the sirens faded, children and civil defence volunteers gathered in unison, singing 'Saare Jahan Se Achha' and 'Vande Mataram'. "Civil defence holds such drills regularly, and it truly brings awareness," said Snehlata Rathi, president of RWA. "But today felt different. The event struck an emotional chord. It's like a symbolic slap to those who try to harm our country. We responded powerfully." Another resident, Shakha Sahota, 63, echoed similar sentiments: "Operation Sindoor is such a beautiful name—honouring the dignity of our women. And this was a message delivered precisely—no civilians or army harmed, only terror infrastructure hit."

For her, and some others too, the drill brought back memories. She recalled her vivid childhood memory during the 1971 war: "We had real blackouts—candles lit in the dark, brown paper taped on windows. Even the sound of a distant plane would have us scrambling to hide the flame," she said.

Mayur Vihar society takes a pause for security drill

Pulkit Khosla

New Delhi: At 4.19pm on Wednesday, Sahyog Apartments, a housing society in Mayur Vihar Phase I, came to a standstill with the blaring of a siren. Residents were prepared as they had been informed about the civil defence drill 'Operation Abhyaas' through a notice. Around 4pm, the street outside the main gate was closed off to traffic, only allowing pedestrians. About 8-10 Delhi Police vehicles were deployed in the area and over 50 civil defence volunteers, along with Aapda Mitra Delhi personnel, were present. Four ambulances were kept on standby — two were fully equipped while two were smaller, meant for emergencies. All four vehicles were instructed to go to Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital in case of any emergencies that could threaten people's well-being and lives. The executive magistrate was also present, briefing the workers and the residents.

Three NDRF vehicles were deployed — a truck, a pickup truck with equipment, and a bus with about 30 personnel. Delhi Fire Services provided one fire truck to the drill efforts. A vehicle from the ministry of gas and petroleum carrying barricading and sewer manhole opening tools was also taken into the society. A water tanker was also supplied.

Rashmi, a resident, said, "We were informed about the drill on Tuesday. Policemen and workers from various govt departments trained us for an airstrike, in view of the current tense political climate." The residents, she added, were comforted by the friendliness of the personnel, who gave specific information on how to help oneself and those around in case of an emergency.

20-storey PSU bldg fights fire with fire At 2 govt hospitals, order amid urgency

LAXMI NAGAR

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The 20-storey Scope Minar in Laxmi Nagar was struck by missiles fired by enemy fighter planes on Wednesday, leaving the top floor ablaze. This scenario was imagined for this multi-storey complex, which houses several PSU offices in east Delhi. It was part of the drill aimed at the possibility of a bomb strike and the need to evacuate people, injured or otherwise from the building. The drill, led by Sandeep Yadav, SDM, Preet Vihar, lasted about an hour. The employees, police, firemen and officials of disaster management and other departments, as well as Civil Defence volunteers, went through the paces required in an emergency. "The disaster management team reached the top floor and found 10 victims. Another team evacuated the entire building and moved people away to safety," said Yadav. Of the 10 victims, there was one fatality, four were severely injured, two had major injuries and three people suffered minor injuries. When fire tenders arrived, Civil Defence volunteers ensured the gate were cleared for their and the operations of ambulances and police vehicles. The serio-

usly injured and the deceased were swiftly brought down and those with minor injuries were helped to walk. They were all sent to the nearest hospitals in ambulances after police cleared temporary encroachments and congestion caused by e-rickshaws, hawkers and pedestrians. "Exercises like this are very important as they will keep us mentally prepared, and if something of this sort does happen, we will not panic," testified an employee of ONGC, which has an office in the building. An employee of National Insurance Company said, "We understand the challenges and risks involved given we have a neighbour like Pakistan. While we are confident that our security forces will shield the nation, it's equally reassuring that the agencies back home, like police and disaster management, can coordinate the situation when things go bad." Some onlookers were critical of the way the media persons behaved. One of them said, "The disaster management team was carrying one person on a stretcher who, according to the drill, had died. Everyone was clearing the path for the rescuers, but some reporters were posing questions to the person on the stretcher. They could have taken things more seriously and imagined that person dead."

RML, LNJP

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Amid the looming shadow of the escalating Indo-Pak tension, the city's two major healthcare facilities, Ram Manohar Lohia and Lok Nayak hospitals, transformed into the hubs of strategic urgency on Wednesday as they orchestrated a comprehensive emergency preparedness drill. At precisely 3.50pm, the serenity outside RML Hospital's emergency block was shattered, not by chaos but by a calculated, methodical simulation. The drill was crafted to mirror the grim realities of bomb blast casualties, with ambulances delivering dummy patients at five-minute intervals. These mock victims, emulating the gravest of injuries—traumatic amputations, blast-induced lung damage, skull fractures and extensive burns—were swiftly triaged into the yellow zone. Here, the dedication of the medical staff shone brightly—first aid was administered with precision and critical cases were seamlessly moved to recovery rooms where life-saving interventions like intubation were performed. Dr Ajay Shukla, director and medical superintendent

of RML Hospital, said, "We simulated a spectrum of blast-related injuries requiring interdisciplinary expertise—from emergency medicine and critical care to neurosurgery and forensic medicine. Underscoring the drill's comprehensive scope, the staff managed over 40 casualties, including dummy patients from Civil Defence and Delhi Police under the banner of Operation Abhyaas. Dr Amlendu Yadav, head of RML Hospital's emergency medicine department, told TOI, "We get information about mass casualties from the disaster management authority. Each hospital has a public announcement system, which is immediately activated, and Yellow Code, which indicates a disaster or mass casualty situation, is declared. Everybody required to manage such emergencies arrives before the arrival of casualties." The corridors of Lok Nayak Hospital echoed similar urgency. Under the vigilant supervision of Dr Ritu Saxena, head of disaster management, the hospital received eight simulated victims—two from Wazirabad, six from the civic centre, and one deceased from Chandni Chowk—each arrival was a testament to the staff's readiness. The emergency response was swift and seamless, bolstered by the additional deployment of medical and nursing staff.

This should be beginning of terror's end: Narwal's wife

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Gurgaon: India's strikes against terrorist facilities in Pakistan would have brought "peace to Vinay's soul", Himanshi Narwal, wife of the 26-year-old naval officer killed in the Pahalgam attack on April 22, said on Wednesday. "This action won't end my pain, but it has brought me solace. Those who killed innocent people and destroyed families have now received the strictest punishment," said the 26-year-old, who had got married to Navy officer Lt Vinay Narwal days before the attack. The couple was on their honeymoon when Vinay was gunned down during the terrorist attack on tourists in Baisaran. The image of Himanshi slumped next to Vinay's body on the verdant Kashmir meadow had become the most evocative picture of that horrifying day. The couple had originally planned to visit Switzerland but decided to go to Kashmir due to delayed visas. Himanshi, a PhD scholar whose family is settled in Gurgaon, said after Wednesday's strikes such action by India must continue till terrorism is eliminated. "No one else should have to go through what we have endured... This should be the beginning of the end of terrorism," she said. On India naming its military campaign 'Operation Sin-



In this photo taken on April 24, Himanshi mourns the death of her husband, Navy lieutenant Vinay Narwal

door", Himanshi said she could "relate with the choice of this word". Sindoor is red vermilion worn on the forehead by women after they get married. Himanshi recalled the April 22 attack and said her life was shattered by those who spread hatred. After Vinay was shot, Himanshi said she confronted the terrorists, but their only response was, "You got your answer." "Those who spread hatred have no feeling or concern for families. They ruined the lives of 26 families that day," she said. Terrorists who carried out the April 22 attack had targeted tourists, all of them men, after asking them to recite Islamic verses. "I was eating bhel puri with my husband when a man came and said he's not Muslim... then shot him," Himanshi had

said in one of the many videos circulating online after the Pahalgam attack. Himanshi's father Sunil Swami told TOI he had "full faith" that India would respond to the Pahalgam barbarism and "justice would be served". "Govt has met expectations of people and victims' families," he said. In Vinay's hometown Karnal, 150km away, the naval officer's father Rajesh Narwal told PTI that perpetrators "will think 100 times" before carrying out any such terror attack in future. "When this (Pahalgam) incident happened, you (media) came to my home and asked what I expected from govt. My answer was that I had faith in our govt. And today, it has justified that trust," Rajesh told journalists on Wednesday.

Street children prepared for emergencies

New Delhi: As part of a nationwide initiative to prepare citizens for emergency situations, drills were conducted in 244 cities across India. Keeping this in view, NGO Childhood Enhancement through Training and Action (Chetna) held a drill exercise with street-connected children and their families in Delhi, Gurgaon and Noida. The exercise was conducted in collaboration with the community, at six locations in west Delhi, eight locations in Gurgaon and nine locations in Noida. A total of 650 children participated in the drill. The drill was conducted based on guidelines and protocols outlined by Delhi Disaster Management Authority. TNN

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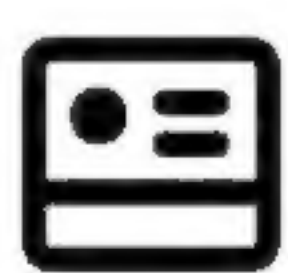
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PMLA accused entitled to list of all material collected by ED: SC

Junks HC Order That Only Documents Relied Upon By ED Be Provided

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New Delhi: Observing that the anti-money laundering law puts a negative burden on the accused to prove his innocence, Supreme Court Wednesday ruled that an accused is entitled to get a list of all documents and material collected by Enforcement Directorate (ED) during investigation, even those which are not relied upon by the agency while filing the complaint.

Furnishing of such documents can be helpful to an accused in defending his case and proving his innocence as those documents may contain exculpatory evidence in favour of an accused due to which the agency might not have relied upon it.

Holding that it is the fundamental right of an accused to have fair trial, a bench of Justices Abhay S Oka, Ahsanuddin Amanullah and A G Masih set aside Delhi HC order that only those documents relied upon by the agency should be handed over to an accused.

The bench held that the accused must also know about documents not relied upon by the agency, so that



SC said documents may contain exculpatory evidence in favour of an accused due to which the agency might not have relied upon them

he could apply for their production and courts should be liberal in allowing them, and should deny only in exceptional circumstances.

"It is held that a copy of the list of statements, documents, material objects and exhibits that are not relied upon by the investigating officer must also be furnished to the accused. The object is to ensure that the accused has knowledge of the documents, objects, etc, in the custody of the investigating officer, which are not relied upon by them, so that at the appropriate stage, accused can apply by invoking Section 91 CrPC for providing copies of the documents which are not

relied upon," Justice Oka said while reading out the operative part of the order.

The court said the right to have a fair trial includes the right of the accused to defend which consists of the right to lead defence evidence by producing documents and examining witnesses. "Therefore, the accused is entitled to exercise the right at the stage of entering defence by compelling the prosecution or a third party to produce a document or thing in their possession or custody. The court can decline the request of the accused for issuing process for the production of documents only on the limited ground

under Section 233(3) CrPC (on ground that it is made for the purpose of vexation or delay or for defeating the ends of justice)," it held.

It said Section 232(3) of CrPC, which deals with the accused's right to apply for the issue of processes for compelling attendance of witnesses or production of documents or things, liberally construed by courts in favour of the accused. "Therefore, if the special court refuses the prayer made by the accused in terms of Section 233(3) CrPC for compelling the attendance of any witness or for production of documents in possession of any party, the accused will not be in a position to discharge the onerous burden on him under Section 24 of the PMLA (which puts burden on accused to prove innocence). Hence, the valuable right of the accused under Section 233 CrPC needs to be protected," it said.

In this case, HC had said the court cannot, at the pre-charged stage, direct prosecution to furnish copies of documents other than that which it proposes to rely upon or which have already been sent to the court during investigation.

Can't change EVM symbol loading unit for mock vote: SC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Wednesday introduced additional layers of scrutiny in the amended technical standard operating procedure for testing the integrity of electronic voting machines (EVMs) by ordering that if a candidate wanted to conduct mock voting on EVMs, then the machine's symbol loading unit could not be changed.

A bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta said, "In case a candidate wants to conduct a mock poll on the EVMs for testing its integrity (during polling), he may request in writing. The vote count on the EVMs, already used for voting, would then be displayed to the candidates and then erased. The symbol loading unit, used during the poll, would be kept intact while conducting the mock polls."

While accepting the poll panel's amended technical SOP explained by senior advocate Maninder Singh, the bench said it was satisfied with the SOP which included



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ed self-diagnosis for confirming fidelity of the burnt programme and mutual authentication when EVMs are connected to other EVMs.

However, it said engineers of Bharat Electrical Ltd and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd will check and certify that the software and burnt memory of voting machines are not tampered with.

EC said, "In the proposed amendment, the diagnostic check of EVM units will be done and thereafter, the engineers deployed for the process shall inspect the units and give a certificate that the EVMs had not been tampered with or modified."

5 schoolchildren among 6 killed in Patiala accident

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Patiala: Five schoolchildren were among six killed in a head-on collision between an SUV and a sand-laden truck on Patiala-Samana road near Nassapur village in Punjab's Patiala district Wednesday afternoon. Seven others were injured in the accident. The truck driver, Bhupinder Singh, has been arrested.

The SUV was carrying the students—aged between seven and 12—to Samana from their school in Patiala's Sular Road when it collided with the truck. The impact pushed the SUV off the road, and it crashed into a tree. The vehicle's front portion was mangled beyond recognition and rescuers had to use a JCB to retrieve the bodies of the deceased children.

The victims were identified as Bhavyan Sachdeva (8) and his elder sister Bhivanshi Sachdeva (11), Aradhya Lumba (10) and Parv Sachdeva (12),



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all from Samana. Another 10-year-old girl student, Sehjal Bansal, succumbed at a Patiala hospital. The deceased SUV driver was Balwinder Singh from Fatehpur village.

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann condoled the tragedy. He said the injured children were under treatment in various hospitals in Patiala. CM Mann said he was in touch with the district administration and had directed them to ensure the best medical facilities for all the injured.

Stay out of BBMB daily affairs, HC tells Punjab

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Chandigarh: Punjab and Haryana HC has restrained Punjab govt from interfering in the day-to-day functioning of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), asking the state to approach the Centre to settle any grievance against BBMB's decision.

The court directed Punjab to abide by the decision of the May 2 meeting, under the chairmanship of the Union home secretary, in which it was decided that BBMB will release 4,500 cuses of extra water to Haryana for the next eight days to meet its urgent water requirement.

A division bench of chief justice Sheel Nagu and justice Sumeet Goel passed the order on three petitions filed

by BBMB and others to remove Punjab police deployed at Bhakra Nangal Dam and Lohand control room water regulation offices.

"Punjab Police are always free to provide adequate security to BBMB and its personnel but cannot interfere in the day-to-day functioning of BBMB so as to obstruct the operation and management of Bhakra Dam and water-related works," HC said in its order released Wednesday.

On additional solicitor general Satya Pal Jain's suggestion to deploy paramilitary to secure Bhakra Dam as well as its water-related works, the court said, "We leave this question open for the members of BBMB to raise this issue before central govt at the opportune time."

Cancer survivor tops C'garh Class X boards with 99.2%

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Raipur: The 'Supergirl' tag would sit easy on Ishika Bala. The Class XII student from Maoist-hit Kanker district in Chhattisgarh not only defeated cancer but also went on to top the state board exams. The farmer's daughter scored 99.2% marks, standing first in an exam that only 76% managed to pass. Ishika's achievement is a beacon of hope for the district where female literacy rate is barely 59.6%.

Ishika recently recovered from her battle with blood cancer and studied for her board exams despite the rigours of treatment. She would have appeared for the Class X exams last year itself, but her health was in a very precarious state.

She credited her success to the support of her parents and teachers and said she wants to become an Indian Administrative Service officer. It's this dream that helped



Ishika Bali, seen here with her father, recently recovered from blood cancer and studied for her exams despite the rigours of treatment. Her achievement is a beacon of hope for the district where female literacy rate is barely 59.6%

her fight through weakness and pain every time she felt the life-threatening illness trying to put her down.

Ishika's father said he was proud of his daughter, and her inspiring fightback has left everyone who has seen her battle in awe of her.

In a remarkable coincidence, the Class XII topper, Akhil Sen, is also from Kanker. He scored 98.2% marks (491/500 in commerce). His father runs a newspaper agency, and he too would distribute papers every morning while preparing for his board exams.

Eight of the 85 students who made it to top 10 list are from Bastar division, which has been battling Maoist insurgency for the past 25 years.

Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai, who announced the board exam results, extended his wishes to all successful candidates, their families, and teachers. "To those who couldn't succeed this time, don't lose heart. Failure is often the first step towards success. Prepare for the next attempt with even greater resolve," the CM added.

1,000+ mules on Kedarnath route hit by 'flu', quarantined

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Dehradun: Over 1,000 mules and horses have been quarantined and equine services on Kedarnath yatra route remain suspended for the third day following a flu-like outbreak. The suspension was extended after 15 equines died & symptoms of equine influenza—fever, cough, and nasal discharge—were detected, raising concerns about the disease's spread.

Officials from animal husbandry department isolated the infected animals. Of the 5,800 equines registered for the pilgrimage, 15 have died since the yatra began last week, mainly due to colic and diarrhoea. Around 18 animals tested RTPCR positive for equine influenza, triggering large-scale screening. Nearly 2,000 animals have been screened in the past two days, with 700 under treatment. The infected equines have been

removed from service and will be re-tested after 14 days. Vets confirmed equine influenza is highly contagious but typically not fatal. Animals have been quarantined at current locations, with some handlers taking them back due to tough terrain. Screening and treatment are ongoing in Gaurikund, Sonprayag, and Rampur. Caretakers are also being trained in proper health practices.

A team from the National Research Centre on Equines, Haryana, has visited Kedarnath, and experts from GB Pant University are expected to assess symptoms like swollen stomachs. Officials noted the animals are recovering with adequate rest.

The Rudrapur administration has warned against overcharging pilgrims and cautioned against home remedies. Animal husbandry minister Sourabh Bahuguna is expected to review the situation on Thursday.

26% dip in first week's Char Dham footfall compared to 2024

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Dehradun: The Char Dham yatra has seen a 26% drop in pilgrim footfall within a week of its start (on April 30), compared to the same period last year. By Tuesday, 2.9 lakh devotees had visited the four Himalayan shrines, down from 3.9 lakh in 2024, a decline of nearly 1 lakh.

Officials attributed the dip to "improved planning and staggered registration", which helped streamline the pilgrim flow. To avoid overcrowd-



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ing during the initial days, the govt opened online registration 40 days before the yatra began, while offline registration started just a few days before the annual pilgrimage commenced. State tourism minister

Satpal Maharaj said that following last year's experience, online registration was launched on March 20, well ahead of the start date. Further, Aadhaar verification was made mandatory and documents were "thoroughly checked before pilgrims were allowed to proceed." "We opened more offline booking counters and as a result of proper planning, we were able to prevent overcrowding," said the minister.

Commenting on the drop in numbers, Anoop Nautiyal, founder of Doon-based think-tank, SDG

Foundation, said, "The decline can be largely attributed to the staggered opening schedule this year. In 2024, Kedarnath, Yamunotri, and Gangotri opened on May 10, while Badrinath opened on May 12. In contrast, this year, Kedarnath opened on May 2, after the portals of Yamunotri and Gangotri opened on April 30, followed by Badrinath on May 4. This has contributed to a slower and more scattered build-up of pilgrim momentum."

He added that despite the slow start, the yatra is expected to peak in the lat-

ter half of May, based on trends observed last year, when summer vacations begin and more pilgrims arrive. "We urge the govt and all stakeholders to treat this pilgrimage not just as a tourism event, but as a spiritually sacred and environmentally delicate exercise, one that requires balance, planning, and foresight," Nautiyal said.

As of Wednesday, over 25 lakh people had registered for the Char Dham yatra—8.7 lakh for Kedarnath, 7.8 lakh for Badrinath, 4.5 lakh for Gangotri, and 4.1 lakh for Yamunotri.



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Physiotherapy handbook uses ‘derogatory’ terms: Docs’ body

Such Words Are Deeply Troubling & Legally Indefensible, It Says

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Doctors With Disabilities, a network of health professionals with disabilities, has criticised the new curriculum handbook for physiotherapy for using outdated and derogatory terms for the disabled and for reducing disability to management and treatment. The letter to National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) pointed out that restrictions on admission to physiotherapy courses for persons with disability are even more restrictive than those for MBBS, MD and MS. The use of outdated, derogatory terms such as ‘handicapped’, ‘retardation’, and ‘mentally subnormal’ is deeply troubling and legally indefensible, stated the letter, adding that reliance is placed on the older 1995 Disabilities Act in a couple of places in the curriculum, though the



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older Act has been replaced by Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPDA), 2016. The Bachelor of Physiotherapy curriculum fails to incorporate disability as a human rights issue and instead relies solely on the medical model, reducing disability to management and treatment, and omits core principles such as ableism, dignity, universal design and reasonable accommodation, stated the letter. The admission guide-

lines deem those with more than 50% impairment of lower limbs, involvement of the non-dominant upper limb, more than 50% spinal involvement and more than 50% impairment due to dyslexia, blood disorders, or chronic neurological conditions as ineligible to do graduation in physiotherapy. “The new curriculum reduces humanistic learning to optional ‘soft skills’, ignoring global trends and Indian

initiatives that emphasise the centrality of humanities in health professions education.... The current reference materials are also outdated (e.g., citing a 2000 RCI publication over the 2022 WHO Global Report on Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities), which further distances the curriculum from present-day realities,” pointed out the letter. It sought at least a 30-day window for public consultation, as is the norm, instead of just 15 days. Doctors With Disabilities urged the commission to integrate disability rights-based competencies aligned with RPDA 2016 and WHO standards and to revoke discriminatory admission guidelines. The network offered to collaborate with the commission to make “essential revisions” that would help “future physiotherapists and allied health professionals deliver care that is compassionate, inclusive, and grounded in the values of justice and dignity”.

Cat having poor heart rate gets pacemaker, a ‘first for country’

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A cat with a poor heart rate just got a pacemaker. The 7-year-old female, Pillu, underwent surgery to implant the pacemaker at a veterinary clinic in Pune on Monday. The cat’s heart rate was down to 50-something beats per minute as against the normal of 160. Still in hospital, Pillu is recovering well. Until two years back, it was routine for the agile feline to leap to the top of a cupboard at home, said Pillu’s pet parent Ajay Hirulkar. But at one point, Pillu struggled to even clamber onto a chair. Trouble began two years ago when the cat had gingivitis (infection of gums), and was diagnosed with myocarditis (heart inflammation), leading to DCM phenotype (thin heart muscles). But her heart rate was not badly affected then.



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Her medical history shows she had some infection that could have triggered the myocarditis. Or, it could be due to a grain-free diet the cat was on. “These are likely contributory factors... But it’s difficult to pinpoint reason for the DCM,” said Dr Leila Fernandez, veterinary cardiologist. Last Aug, her ECG showed alarming changes, although cardiac output was normal. Alarm bells started to ring in March when the heart rate dropped to 50-58. “The cat had ‘third-degree AV block’, She

had gone very dull and lethargic, and refused to eat,” said Dr Fernandez. “She had a complete heart block, a life-threatening condition due to the low heart rate.” Simply put, the heart’s natural pacemaker failed to maintain a stable rhythm. The upper chamber of the heart was not electrically connected to the lower. “The chambers were beating independent of each other,” said the vet. The surgery was performed by Dr Phiroz Khambatta with two doctors for humans — cardiothoracic surgeon Dr Rajesh Kaushish and interventional cardiologist Dr Sonali Inamdar — at Raintree Veterinary Clinic & Rehabilitation Centre, Pune. “The surgery was challenging... more because this cat has very thin ventricular walls,” Dr Fernandez said, adding that administering anaesthesia for the procedure

was complicated in this case. The pacemaker has been implanted on the surface of the heart. For this, the chest was opened up, and the heart exposed. The layer covering the heart was opened, and two electrodes were sutured to the heart surface — one to the tip of the heart, the other just above it. A device called ‘generator’ has been implanted between the muscles of the flank. Six sutures were applied on the feline’s heart. This is likely the first instance of a pacemaker being implanted in a cat in our country, Dr Fernandez said, pointing out such a procedure is performed rarely even abroad. “This is a significant step forward for veterinary cardiology in India,” she said. For now, Pillu is on the road to recovery, her pet parent said, adding: “For me, she is not just a cat... she’s like a child of our family.”

Focus on Maha local body polls, symbol issue later: SC to UBT

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) faction to focus on the upcoming Maharashtra local body elections, after the party sought an urgent hearing of its plea related to the ‘bow and arrow’ election symbol.



Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Sena (UBT), mentioned the matter for early hearing of the party’s plea against the poll panel’s decision to recognise the Eknath Shinde group as the official Shiv Sena and grant them the ‘bow and arrow’ election symbol. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kottiswar Singh told Sibal that the matter could be taken up only after the court’s summer break due to the paucity of time. Sibal said the symbol, which has been with Shiv Sena (UBT), will be used by the Shinde faction in local body elections, and it will matter especially in rural areas. As Justice Kant asked, since when local body elections were fought on party symbols, Sibal said it happens in Maharashtra, and the party symbol will have a great impact on voters’ minds. Sibal said EC decided to give the symbol to the Eknath Shinde faction solely on the test of legislative majority, which was contrary to the Constitution bench judgment of the apex court. “Let the elections be held smoothly. You concentrate on that. In local bodies, mostly voters don’t support a symbol,” Justice Kant told Sibal. The apex court said the matter can be heard by a vacation bench if Sibal makes a case and if it’s very urgent. On May 6, SC paved way for the local body polls in the state which were stalled for over five years due to a reservation issue. It ordered Maharashtra EC to notify it in four weeks. On Feb 17, 2024, EC allotted the name ‘Shiv Sena’ and its poll symbol ‘bow and arrow’ to the group led by Shinde. ANI

₹11,828cr expansion of 5 IITs to add 6.5k seats gets nod

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Union cabinet has approved the expansion of academic and infrastructure capacity of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in Andhra Pradesh’s Tirupati, Chhattisgarh’s Bhilai, J&K’s Jammu, Karnataka’s Dharwad and Kerala’s Palakkad. The expansion is aimed at facilitating education of more than 6,500 additional students in these institutions. Five new state-of-the-art research parks are also planned to enhance industry-academia collaboration. The cabinet has cleared Phase-B construction for these IITs, with a total estimated cost of Rs 11,828.7 crore over four years — 2025-26 to 2028-29. The initiative will enable these institutions to nearly double their capacity from the current 7,111 students to 13,687 across undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes.

As part of the approved plan, 130 new faculty positions at the professor level (level 14 and above) will be created. The phased expansion in student intake will be implemented over the four years — 1,364 in the first year, 1,738 in the second, 1,767 in the third, and 1,707 in the fourth — across various academic programmes. The infrastructure expansion aligns with the nationwide increase in IIT student capacity from 65,000 to 1.35 lakh over the past decade, according to the 2025-26 Union budget. The project is also expected to generate direct employment through recruitment of faculty, research staff and administrative personnel. Indirect employment is anticipated through construction activities and increased demand for local services, accommodation, and transport in and around the campus locations.

Woman’s ‘accidental death’ turns out murder, 2 held: Karukachal Police arrested two men on Wednesday for the murder of Kuthrappally native Neethu Krishnan (35) the previous day. What initially appeared as an accidental death turned out to be a murder, police said. TNN

6 of family dead: Six members of a family died while two were injured when the four-wheeler they were travelling in collided with a truck on Jhansi-Kanpur NH-27 in UP’s Jalaun district on Wednesday.

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Lokpal of India has issued a Vacancy Circular dated 05.05.2025 for engagement of retired Officials as Consultants (Establishment) on contract basis. For more details, please visit the website of Lokpal of India. Link: www.lokpal.gov.in
Last date of receipt of applications is 04.06.2025.

India’s space vision aims for global good, says PM

New Delhi: PM Modi Wednesday said “India’s space journey is not about racing others, it is about reaching higher together, reports Surendra Singh. Together, we share a common goal to explore space for the good of humanity”.

‘Tech glitch’ delays Shukla’s mission

Axiom-4 space mission (Ax-4), to be piloted by India’s Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, has been delayed due to a “minor” technical glitch by a week. Axiom and Nasa had announced Ax-4 would lift off on May 29. “The launch is now expected to happen in early June. There is nothing really ‘concerning’ now,” a source told TOI. The source did not specify if the glitch was detected in the launch vehicle or the spacecraft. TNN

frontiers in research and global cooperation. By 2040, an India’s footprints will be on Moon, Mars & Venus are also on our radar,” he said. “Our first human space-flight mission, ‘Gaganyaan’, highlights our nation’s rising aspirations,” Modi said.

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NOTICE
(for the attention of Equity Shareholders of the Company)

Sub.: Transfer of Equity Shares of the Company to Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority

This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, as amended (“the Rules”).

The Rules, amongst other matters, contain provisions for transfer of all shares, in respect of which dividend has not been paid or claimed for seven consecutive years or more, in the name of the Investor Education and Protection Fund (“IEPF”) Authority.

Adhering to the various requirements set out in the Rules, the Company has, so far, transferred to IEPF Authority, on respective due dates, all shares in respect of which dividend(s) for the financial year 2016-17 or before had remained unpaid or unclaimed for a period of seven consecutive years or more. The Company has, vide its letter dated May 7, 2025, communicated individually, the concerned shareholders whose shares are liable to be transferred to IEPF Authority during the financial year 2025-26 for taking appropriate action.

The Company has uploaded full details of such shareholders and shares due for transfer to IEPF Authority on its website at www.ril.com. Shareholders are requested to refer to the web-link <https://www.ril.com/investors/shares/dividend-shares> to verify the details of unencashed dividends and the shares liable to be transferred to IEPF Authority.

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MobiKwik’s Losses Multiply Sixfold In FY15

Two laptops on a dining table. Two founders with an unshakeable dream. In 2009, as smartphones were just beginning to make their way into the Indian market, Bipin Preet Singh and Upasana Taku dove headfirst into the unknown and started MobiKwik. Their vision? To make financial services accessible to every Indian. They left behind cushy jobs, poured in every rupee of their savings and built a multi-crore business. But by 2015, the dream seemed to be slipping. Losses soared, competition intensified and survival hung by a thread. Their mantra? Kick up a storm or die trying. So, when the demonetisation of 2016 upended the economy and forced digital payments into the mainstream, MobiKwik was quick to seize the opportunity. It expanded its merchant network and strengthened digital wallet services. Later, it diversified into lending and wealth management, backed by strategic investments that fueled its rise. In 2024, MobiKwik hit the stock market, and skeptics watched in shock as its stock nearly doubled on day one. From two people in an apartment in Dwarka to a fintech giant, MobiKwik had made it in the game it started.

MobiKwik IPO Skyrockets, Oversubscribed 120X On Its Closing Day

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“We hope that differences between New Delhi and Islamabad will be resolved through peaceful, diplomatic means in accordance with the Simla Agreement of 1972 and the Lahore Declaration of 1999”
Russian foreign ministry

“The secy-general calls for maximum military restraint from both countries. The world cannot afford a military confrontation between India and Pakistan”
UN secretary-general António Guterres' office

“We understand India's desire to protect itself against the scourge of terrorism, but we obviously call on both India and Pakistan to exercise restraint”
Jean-Noel Barrot | French foreign Minister

“Escalation must be prevented and civilians protected. We are in contact with both India and Pakistan - German foreign ministry”

“We expect measures will be taken to reduce tensions as soon as possible and that the necessary mechanisms, including in the field of counter-terrorism, will be put in place to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents”
Turkiye's foreign ministry

“His Highness stressed the importance of heeding the voices calling for dialogue and mutual understanding to prevent military escalation, strengthen stability in South Asia, and avoid further regional tensions”
Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan | UAE deputy PM and foreign affairs minister

“Exercise maximum restraint, give priority to the voice of wisdom, respect the principles of good neighbourliness, and resolve the crisis through diplomatic means”
Qatar's ministry of foreign affairs

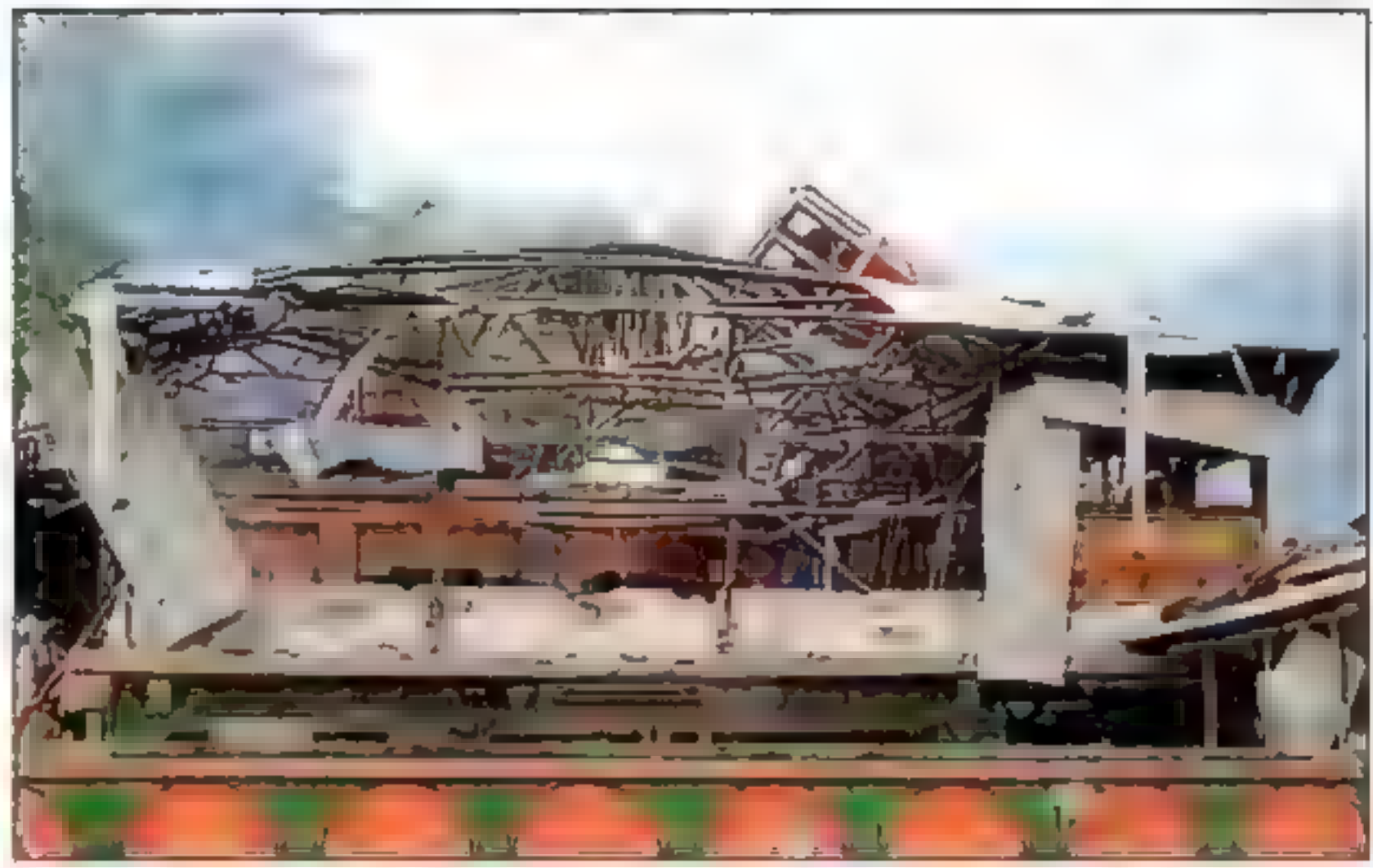
Strikes Steel Modi's Iron Man Credentials

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New Delhi: Two days after the Pahalgam terror attack, Narendra Modi gave a speech in Madhubani, Bihar. He vowed to “identify, track and punish every terrorist and his backer”. In a speech given what turned out to be just hours before Operation Sindoor was launched, he struck a very different note. He touched upon Pakistan's perfidy, but limited himself to talking about pausing the Indus Waters Treaty.

That's Modi for you. Little did anyone know that before coming to Tuesday's event organised by a TV network, he had greenlighted the operation. With hindsight, his decision to record his speech for the Global Conference on Space Exploration on Wednesday morning showed he had already decided on the date for the retaliation.

It's easy to say now for everyone that a PM who greenlighted surgical strikes after Uri and the bombing of Balakot terror camp after Pulwama was always going to give an



A structure in Muzaffarabad demolished during India's retaliation

answer to Pahalgam. But in the two weeks between Pahalgam and Operation Sindoor, there were many including opposition leaders, who questioned whether he would okay a kinetic response. More so because pretty much every world leader of any consequence was advising ‘restraint’.

But not for the first time, Modi upended several people's assumptions. This is the third time he's called Pakistan's nuclear bluff, and the third time he's shown

that the earlier Indian govt thinking, summed up in the euphemism ‘strategic restraint’, was never going to constrain his decisions.

Modi was undeterred by pundits' concerns that a desperate Pak army chief, Gen Asim Munir, the maulvi in fatigues, could go to any extent to counter a punitive strike. He also proved wrong those who had reckoned that with the Indian armed forces already stretched thin since the Galwan clash with Chinese

forces, and given the fear of China's communist bosses coming to the aid of their all-weather ally Pakistan, he would rein in his natural instinct to hit back harder.

The precision strikes, while exposing Pakistan's nuclear blackmail for what it is, plain blackmail, helped him fully regain the ‘jo kaha so kiya’ plank and ‘tough on national security’ credentials.

The Pahalgam attack, though an aberration considering the successful tackling of terror both within J&K and outside it, had cast a shadow on those credentials. Daily taunts from opposition leaders had demonstrated their willingness to target what they saw as a chink in Modi's armour. The absence of a decisive Indian response would have allowed opposition leaders to take that rhetoric further. The anti-BJP political narrative would have been centered around what the opposition would have termed as Modi's inability to live up to his own belief that India must cross the ‘red line’

in response to a Pak-sponsored terror outrage.

The nine precision strikes have washed away all doubt and with it, the opposition's story. Modi has again ensured that BJP retains the upper hand in security matters. The decision to share videos of the successful strikes involving ‘niche’ munitions was astute and left little room for quibble.

More significantly, Modi also appears to have prepared the country for the longer haul vis-a-vis security threats, boosting its risk appetite: something that was evident in the manner in which people shrugged off Pakistan's claims of losses for IAF and, also, in the way stock markets took the risk of escalation in their stride.

This is vital. The task of making India's economy stronger — itself a vital national security advantage — won't be any less urgent even after massively raising Pakistan's cost of terror sponsorship. Modi will helm that job as a PM with even bigger political capital.

I wish I'd also joined the lucky caravan: Jaish's Masood Azhar



A seminary damaged in Operation Sindoor at Ahmedpur Sharqia, about 7km from Bahawalpur

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New Delhi: Maulana Masood Azhar's words dripped with grief as the notorious chief of terror group Jaish-e-Muhammed acknowledged the death of 10 of his family members in the Indian attack on Markaz Subhan Allah in Bahawalpur, a Deobandi seminary known as the breeding ground of terrorists that Pakistan's ISI deploys as part of its proxy war against India.

“I wish I had also joined the lucky caravan,” Azhar said in the florid Urdu that terrorists use to glorify themselves as martyrs.

In a statement JeM said Azhar's elder sister, her husband, a nephew and his wife and a niece were among those killed. “They have attained a higher calling and have now become the guests of Allah. I feel no disappointment. In fact, my heart keeps wishing I had joined this joyful group of 14 pilgrims. Their departure was destined, yet it was not God who killed them,” the notorious

terrorist-in-chief said even as he invited the public to attend the funeral prayers scheduled for 4pm on Wednesday.

The statement was in keeping with the ruthless resolve of the terrorist who arrived in India in the 1990s as a member of Harkatul Mujahideen to wage jihad in Jammu & Kashmir. He was arrested but had to be released as part of the swap of passengers of Indian Airlines plane IC-814, which was hijacked by his younger brother Abdul Rauf Azhar and others.

The imprisonment did not dampen his zeal for jihad. He broke away from HuM to launch Jaish-e-Muhammed (Army of the Prophet) and soon earned the backing of ISI which was impressed by his fanatic fervour.

Azhar, the 56-year-old terror mastermind sanctioned by the UN Security Council as a global terrorist, has been linked to several high-profile attacks in India, including the 2001 attack on Parliament, the 2016 assaults on the Pathan airbase and on the Indian embassy in Kabul and the suicide bombing of a CRPF con-

voy in 2019, which was the trigger for IAF raids on another Jaish seminary in Balakot. For years, Pakistan pretended to be unaware of Azhar's whereabouts despite robust evidence of the terrorist's presence on its territory.

Getting him on the global terrorist list was a challenge. India tried to get Azhar designated as a global terrorist under the UN Sanctions Committee for years, only to run into roadblocks raised by Pakistan's all-weather ally China who was promised that being on the right side of terrorists would help ensure the safety of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor.

Azhar's core group, including brother Abdul Rauf and other senior functionaries like Azhar's brother-in-law Yusuf Azhar have been operating out of Markaz Subhan Allah. The facility was under the superintendence of Mufti Asghar Khan Kashmiri, head of Jaish's operations in PoK. Abdullah Jehadi alias Abdullah Kashmiri and Aashiq Nengroo (Indian fugitive) also operated from the centre.

MEET THE TWO WOMEN WHO SENT OUT A STRONG MESSAGE TO WORLD

Biochemist who left PhD for the uniform

Vadodara: The city swelled with pride on Wednesday morning as its warrior, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, took centre stage to address the nation on Operation Sindoor, India's response to the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, reports Prashant Rupera.

“Only women know the importance of ‘sindoor,’” said a proud Hanima, Col Qureshi's mother. “Even my daughter's son, who turned 18, is preparing to join the IAF,” said Hanima. “I am proud of my daughter. My family has always followed the principle of



‘Vayam Rashtre Jagrayam (We will keep the nation awake and alive). We are Indian first, and then Muslim,’” said Taj Mohammed Qureshi, Col Qureshi's father.

As a third-generation military officer, Col Qureshi carries forward a proud family tradition that began with her grandfather, continued through her father's service in the Electronic and Mechanical Engineers Corps in Vadodara, and the 1971 war. “My father's maternal grandfather also served in the British army and later participa-



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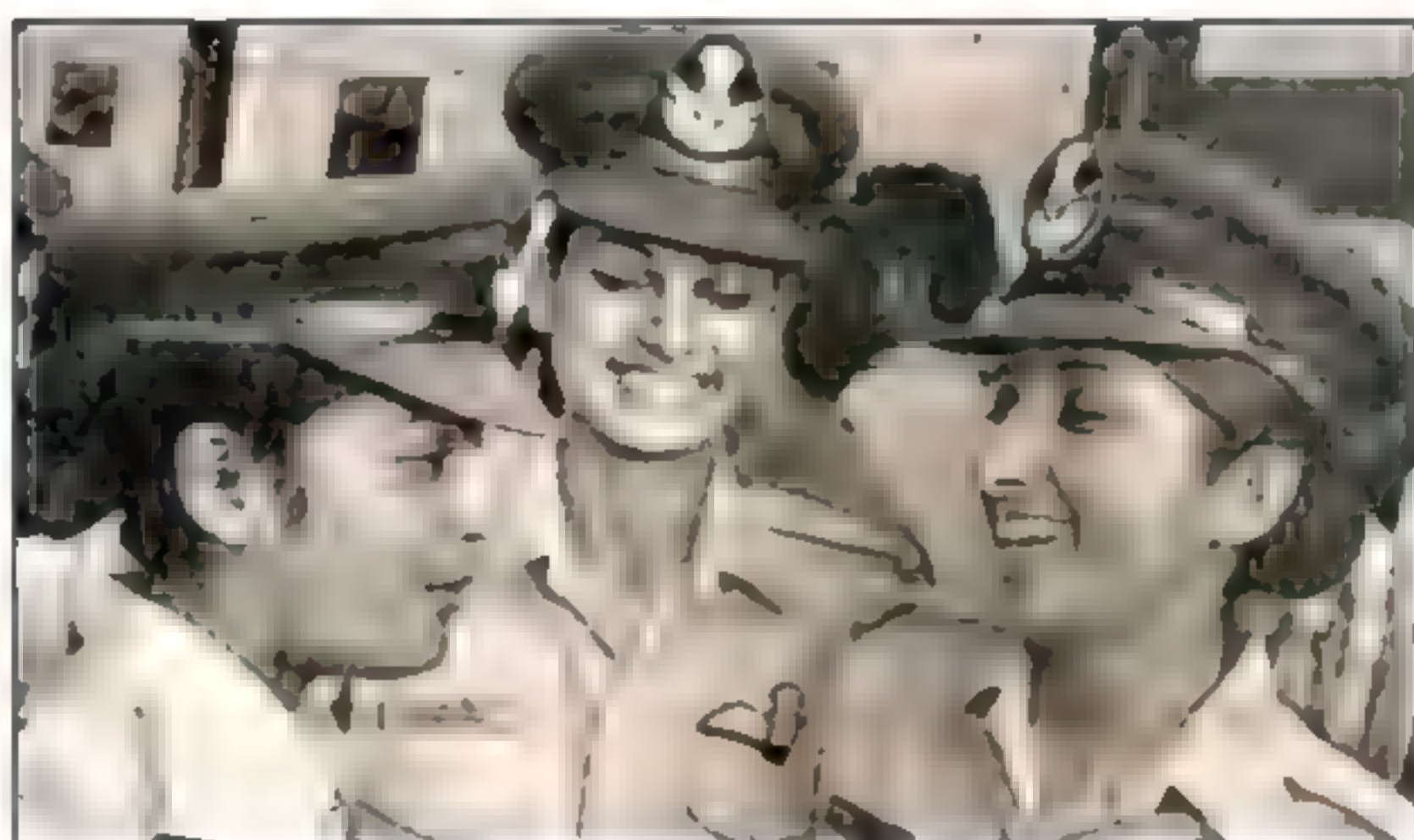
ted in the 1857 freedom struggle,” one of Col Qureshi's three brothers, Mohammed Sanjay Qureshi, told TOI. Col Qureshi also has a sister.

“You can say that patriotism runs in our blood. She wanted to become a professor, but has now donned the Indian Army uniform,” said Sanjay Qureshi, who, along with his father Taj Mohammed Qureshi, mother Hanima, and daughter Zara, addressed the media in Vadodara. Colonel Sofiya's husband, Tajuddin, is an officer in the Army's Mechanised Infantry. The decorated officer has many laurels to her name. She was the first woman officer to command an Army contingent in a multinational military exercise, “Exercise Force 18” in 2016, where she stood out as the only female commander among 18 contingents participating in the largest foreign military drill hosted by India.

Col Qureshi earned her BSc in chemistry (1995) and MSc in biochemistry (1997) from MS University, after completing schooling at Kendriya Vidyalaya, EME. She left her PhD program a year short to join Indian Army. Her career includes six years with UN peacekeeping forces, working in conflict zones and supporting humanitarian efforts.

(With inputs from Sachin Sharma)

A girl who grew up to ‘own the skies’



Vyomika (centre) at her Combined Graduation Parade in Dec 2004

Lucknow: It was a proud moment for Lucknow when Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, “daughter of the sky” as her name means, stood tall at a high-profile briefing to national and international media from New Delhi, her voice steady as she gave details of Operation Sindoor, India's airstrikes in response to the Pahalgam terror attack, reports Arvind Chauhan.

Accompanied by Union foreign secretary Vikram Misri and Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, Lucknow girl Vyomika Singh, in her early 40s, an accomplished helicopter pilot, shared the dais as a symbol of “Nari Shakti” — women leading with valour in the face of crisis.

Commissioned in the Indian Air Force on Dec 18, 2004 as part of the 21st Short Service Commission (Women), Singh rose to wing commander in 13 years (in 2017).

She received a permanent commission in Dec 2019. A seasoned helicopter pilot, she specializes in operating the Chetak and Cheetah helicopters and has over 2,500 flying hours. She has been living in Delhi for the past several years.

Married to an IAF pilot, Wg Cdr Singh, during a panel discussion in 2023, shared a pivotal moment from her childhood as to how her name carried her destiny. “I was in Class 6 when the eureka mo-

ment happened,” she had said in a recent interview to a new channel. “We were discussing the meaning of names in the class, and my name is Vyomika, Vyom means sky, and a girl shouted, ‘You are Vyomika, which means you own the sky’. Since that day, I wanted to be a pilot; it was 1991-92. Growing up in school, I went through employment news where an advertisement left me sad as it read that only unmarried male candidates could become pilots,” said Wg Cdr Singh.

But that spark in the early 1990s ignited a journey that would see her soar to extraordinary heights.

“During my final year of engineering, I got to know that women can become pilots by taking a competitive examination for short service commission via UPSC. I cleared the pilot course in the academy, was awarded the wings, and became a helicopter pilot. After that, I never looked back. It was a rollercoaster experience, especially as being a helicopter pilot I would take on a variety of roles. I've flown from sea level to heights of 18,000 feet,” she added.

“I have done a lot of casualty evacuation and made decisions of leaving one person and taking another and then coming back the next day while negotiating with the weather,” said Wg Cdr Singh.

IAF declines to comment on crash reports

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Bathinda/Hisar: IAF declined comments on reports of a plane crash or any other loss Wednesday, while wreckage of an unidentified aircraft was found in fields near Aklian Kalan village in Punjab's Bathinda district around 1.30am. A civilian was killed and 10 others were injured when they approached the site out of curiosity and a blast occurred.

A call reporting the crash reached emergency helpline 112 around 2am. Authorities collected debris from the site, located nearly 20km from Bhisiana airbase.

The deceased, Gobind Kumar (32) of Charkhi Dadri in Haryana, had travelled to Bathinda on April 13 for seasonal work at Goniara grain market. He was to return home Thursday. He is survived by wife Pooja and two children.

Operation name itself was show of solidarity

New Delhi: The choice of ‘Operation Sindoor’ as the name for the precision strikes against terrorist camps inside Pakistan was a gesture of solidarity with the grieving families of tourists who were targeted on the basis of their faith on April 22.

“It is meant to reassure them that we stand by you, and those who wiped off your sindoor are not going to be spared,” a source said.

“Operation Sindoor #Pahalgam Terror Attack. Justice is served. Jai Hind,” the Army posted on X soon after the targeting of nine terror camps belonging to jihadi gangs Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Muhammed and Hizbul Mujahideen. The post had a bowl of sindoor as a substitute for first ‘o’ alphabet, with some scattered around the second ‘o’. TNN

B'luru-made ‘suicide drones’ make debut with Op Sindoor

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Bengaluru: SkyStriker suicide drones designed to locate, acquire and strike operator-designated targets with a warhead installed in the fuselage were part of Operation Sindoor early Wednesday, vindicating the Indian Army's decision to add these unmanned aerial vehicles — “loitering munitions” in military parlance — to its arsenal post-Balakot.

Sources confirmed to TOI that an unspecified number of these suicide drones were manufactured in an industrial estate in western Bengaluru as part of a joint venture involving Bengaluru-headquartered Alpha Design and Israel's Elbit Security Systems. The Army had placed an emergency procurement order in 2021 for 100-odd SkyStrikers.



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With a range of 100km, each suicide drone is an autonomous system carrying a 5kg or 10kg warhead. Its electric propulsion offers a minimal acoustic signature, allowing covert operations at low altitude.

Alpha Design's CMD, Colonel (retd) HS Shankar, declined to comment on reports about SkyStrikers playing a role in Operation Sindoor, targeting terrorist infrastructure at several locations in Pakistan. “Such queries must only be referred to the

govt authorities,” he added.

SkyStriker is touted as a cost-effective loitering munition while being capable of long-range precision strikes. The drone improves performance, situational awareness and survivability by providing direct-fire aerial-precision capabilities to manoeuvrable troops and special forces.

Elbit, in a description of the drone, says the SkyStriker flies like a UAS (unmanned aircraft system) and strikes like a missile. “As a silent, invisible, and surprise attacker, SkyStriker delivers the utmost in precision and reliability, providing a critical advantage in the modern battlefield.”

While seek-and-destroy missions remain central to military strategy, but newer technologies like loitering munitions have transformed sensor-to-shooter operations.

Wednesday morning turns back the clock in Uri to 1998 as heavy shelling begins

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Uri: The radio crackled under a clear sky Tuesday afternoon as 75-year-old Ghulam Hassan sat in his lawn, eyes fixed across Haji Peer stream toward Tehsil Kota in PoK. “If border flares up, our houses become direct targets,” he said.

Routine held firm for most of the day. Students stayed inside classrooms at govt middle school in Tulawari village of Uri in north Kashmir's Baramulla. Residents worked quietly. For a while, it felt like just another day along LoC.

But tension ran deep beneath the surface. Hassan, a retired animal husbandry employee, tuned in constantly to radio news since April 22, when a terrorist at-

tack in Pahalgam killed 26.

“I have seen the brutal shelling. I don't want to see another war. Where would I take my grandchildren,” he said, pointing toward hills less than half a km away.

Uri knows what escalation feels like. On Sept 18, 2016, four terrorists attacked Army's brigade headquarters in the town, killing 19 soldiers. That assault triggered surgical strikes across LoC.

Fears of renewed violence returned after Pahalgam, despite no visible military movement in Uri. “Living on the border is living in hell if the ceasefire ends. There is constant shelling, firing and injuries and deaths,” said Hassan, voice heavy with memory.

Since the 2003 ceasefire,



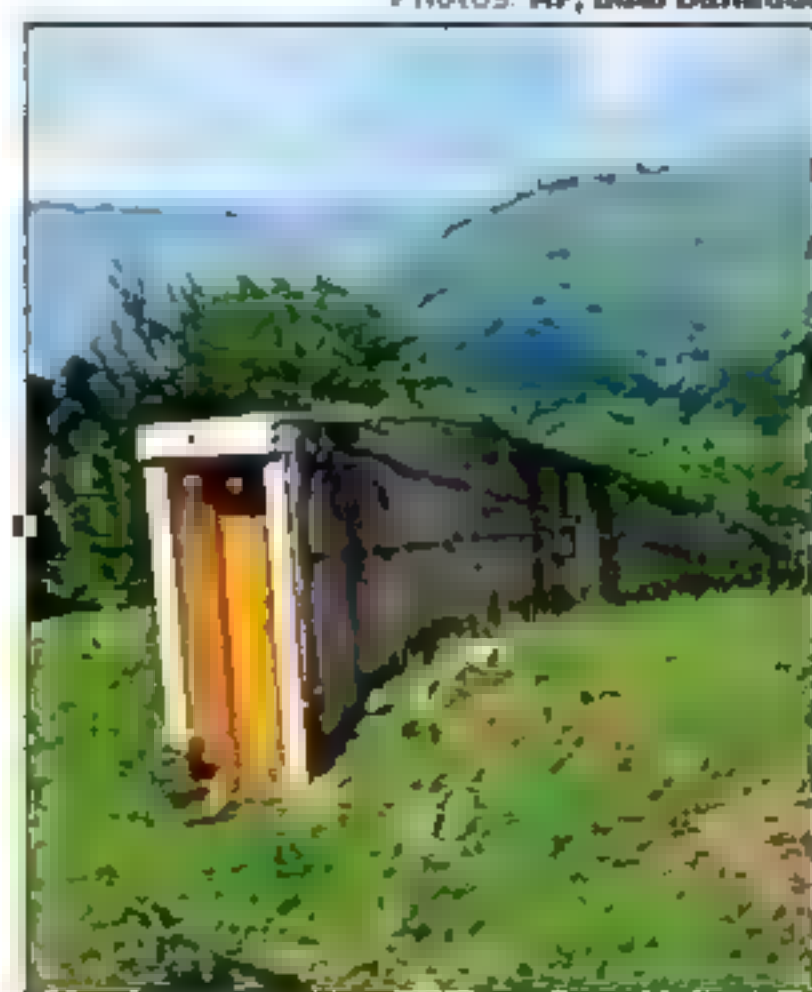
A Uri resident surveys his house damaged by Pakistani shelling. A bunker at Tulawari built 5 years ago (right)

barring a few months in 2016, Uri had enjoyed relative peace. “We feel like any other place in Kashmir. I hope the situation remains peaceful,” he said.

Hassan's daughter-in-law Shameema wasn't taking

chances. “We, the village women, just cleaned the village bunker. There was a lot of dirt in them,” she said.

Three bunkers, each roughly half a km apart, were built five years ago to shelter



Tulawari's 1,500 residents. Hassan said the bunkers couldn't house everyone but could protect children.

Ghulam Mohd Mir, Hassan's friend in his 80s, believed threats now extend beyond ge-

ography. “Wars will not remain confined to the borders. It will move beyond borders,” he said, tending his vegetable patch. A bunker stands on his land. “The bunkers are useless in modern wars,” he added.

Uri town bustled with apparent normalcy Tuesday. Markets thrived. Children played cricket in the afternoon sun. Road widening continued near Uri-I and Uri-II hydro projects.

At Shahi Darbar restaurant, 80-year-old Mohammad Shafi Khan smiled. “Wars now can be devastating to urban and border populations alike. It is not 1965,” he said.

Still, anxiety simmered. “You people are creating a warlike fear,” said Haji Shafeeq, 49, president of Uri Traders Asso-

ciation, sitting in his hardware shop. “In 1998, before the ceasefire, Uri appeared almost deserted. I once had to carry myself, wounded, to a hospital in Baramulla. When you're hit by a shell, you pray for death. We've suffered it.”

Blanket seller Rajesh Awasti from Lagama village, where Hindus and Muslims live side by side, stayed confident. “If there is a war-like situation, we feel it first as we see a huge build up by Army. We haven't seen anything like that,” he added.

By early Wednesday, quiet had vanished after Operation Sindoor — India's overnight precision strikes at terrorist sites in Pakistan and PoK.

Massive Pakistani shelling hit Uri sector. Officials confirmed 10 people wounded. Sa-

lamabad bore the worst, with homes destroyed, one reduced entirely to rubble. Residents had fled in time. At Uri hospital, doctors treated wounded. Shops remained shut. Roads emptied. Bulldozers & labourers vanished from work sites.

Abdul Rashid, owner of Shahi Darbar, opened his restaurant briefly. “It was a 1998 situation, firing was going on heavily. People have moved to safer places,” he added.

In Tulawari, Hassan rushed his grandchildren into a bunker as shells screamed overhead. Still, he returned to his home by Wednesday afternoon. “Let us see what will happen tonight,” he said, his voice calm but uncertain, as dusk approached once again over the shadowed hills of Uri.

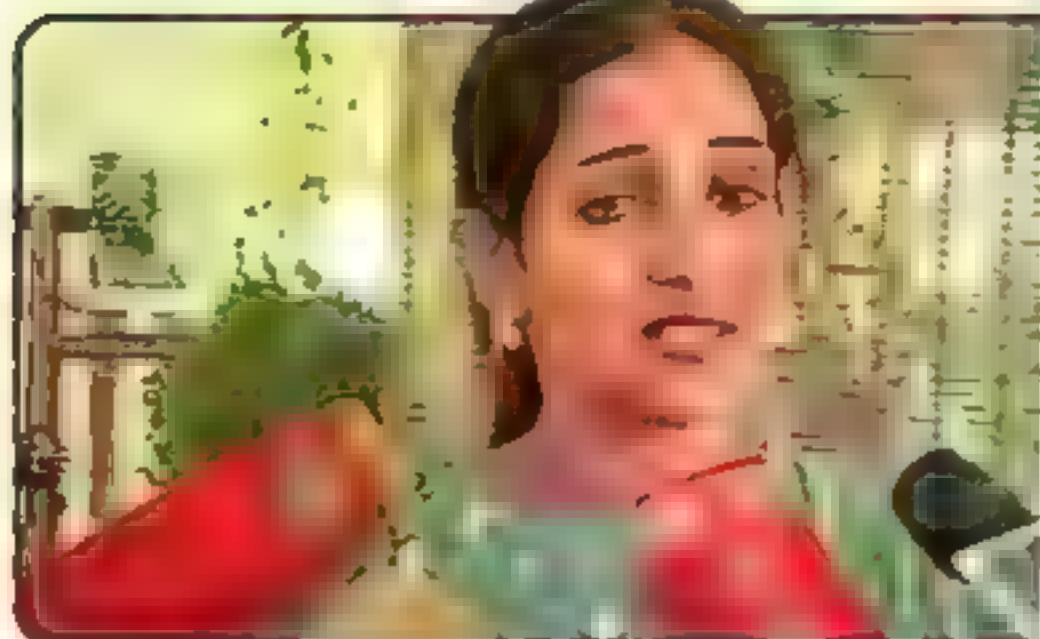
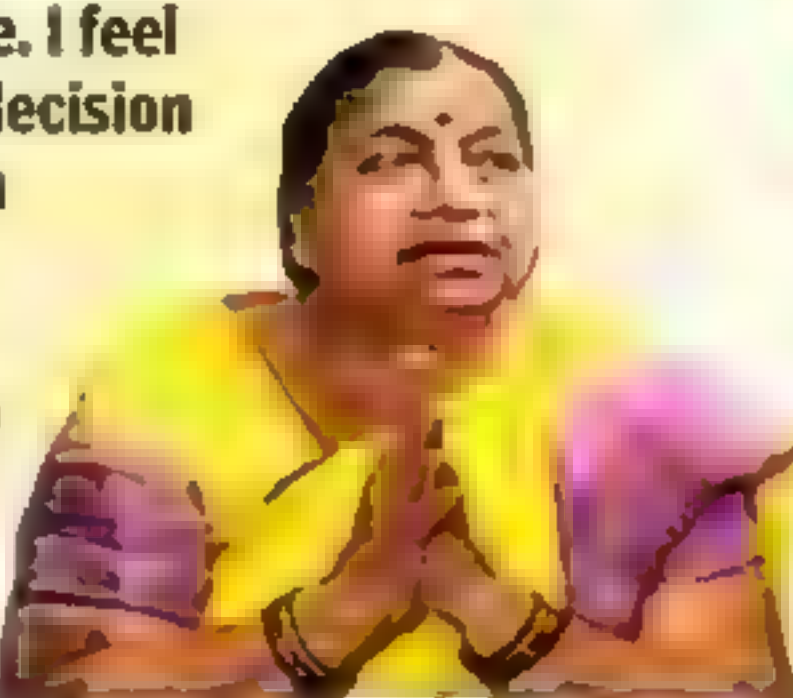
“Terrorists will think 100 times before acting again... Such a thing (retaliatory strikes) had to be done so that no one dares to carry out such a cowardly act again. The strikes on the terror targets will resonate in their minds forever

Rajesh Narwal
(Father of
Vinay Narwal)



“We had faith that PM Modi will make the right decision. Nothing should happen to innocents, but those who try to oppress or indulge in rogue actions against us should not be spared. My son's sacrifice should not go to waste. I feel that the right decision has been taken

Sumathi Rao
(Mother of
Manjunath Rao)



“It's a fitting answer to those who took away our fathers, brothers, and husbands before our eyes. Let Operation Sindoor bring relief to all families who lost their loved ones, including Himanshi (Narwal)

Arathy (Daughter of N Ramchandran)

“I am happy today that the forces have avenged the killing of innocents. Now, my son, and the 25 others will rest in peace. We have got justice now

Syed Haider Shah (Father of ponywallah Syed
Adil Hussain Shah)



“I am satisfied. My late father would now be at peace. One of my uncles pleaded with the terrorists to let them go, but he was shot dead. No mercy was shown to him nor to my other uncle or my father

Harshal Lele (Son of Sanjay Lele)



“I am very happy with whatever the govt has done to bring to justice the people who came forward and shot my husband and others in the name of Hindus and Muslims

Shitalben Kalathiya (Wife of Shaillesh Kalathiya)

India On High Alert On Land, Air & Sea

Retaliation By Pakistan Being Considered A Likely Possibility

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New Delhi: With a retaliation by Pakistan being considered likely, India has shored up its defences across the land, air and sea domains. The multi-layered air defence network is fully activated, several frontline warships are deployed in the Arabian Sea, and infantry units along the frontier are fully stocked and prepared to deal with any contingency.

Amid combat air patrols being flown by IAF fighter jets, even the tri-Service Strategic Forces Command, which handles the country's nuclear arsenal, has been put on a high alert as a measure of abundant precaution.

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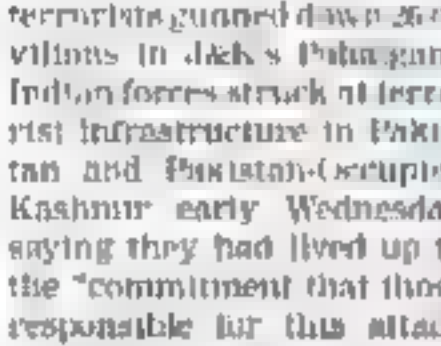
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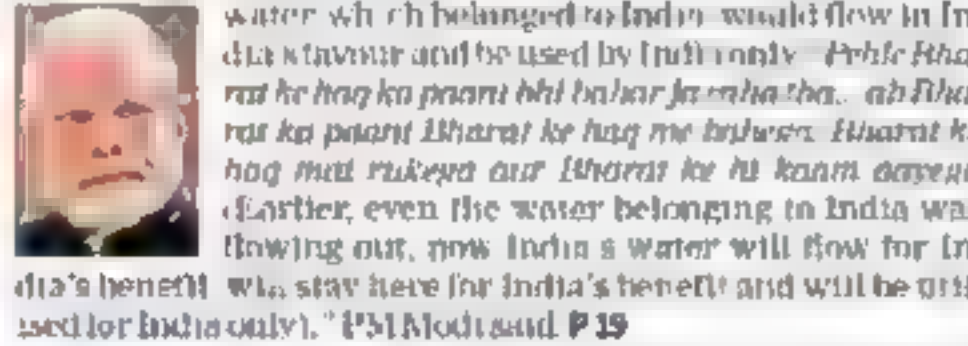
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India's water will flow, stop in India's interests, be of use only to India: PM

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Families start evacuating women, kids & elderly from villages bordering Pak

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Border states Punjab, Rajasthan, and Gujarat reported mass displacement, school closures, flight suspensions, and heightened security amid escalating Indo-Pak tension.

In Punjab's Ferozepur district, families from villages like Hazara Singh Wala, Gatti Rajo Ke, Teindiwala, and Tapu began moving elderly women, and children to safer areas. “The situation in our village turned critical following Operation Sindoor. We fear Pakistan will retaliate,” said Jagtar Singh.

Darbara Singh, relocating his family to Muktsar, described loading belongings onto tractor-trolleys. Local administration has not yet ordered an evacuation. “If the situation worsens, we too may think of moving out,” said another resident. Manjit Singh from a frontier village in Ferozepur urged calm. “Whatever is going to happen, will happen. It will be a hi-tech war,” he said.

However, cities like Amritsar saw grocery markets overwhelmed as residents rushed to stockpile essentials. Schools in Amritsar, Gurdaspur, and Pathankot were closed.

Union govt shut down Kartarpur Corridor indefinitely, suspending pilgrim travel to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan. “We briefed the pilgrims and advised them to return home,” said an official at Dera Baba Nanak's integrated check post. Only 170 of 490 registered pilgrims showed up.

Rajasthan's border districts, including Jaisalmer,



Residents of Suchetgarh in Jammu district move to a safer place as part of an evacuation near the international border. Similar displacements took place in Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat

US, Canada issue travel advisories for India

New Delhi: Soon after Operation Sindoor was launched, some foreign countries issued travel advisories warning their citizens about flight disruptions in India and possible escalation of the situation.

Canada asked its citizens “in or near the affected areas” to “monitor local and international media to stay informed of the rapidly evolving situation; follow instructions of local authorities, including air-raid sirens and evacuation orders, and be vigilant and prepared to shelter in place.” It warned that “tensions could increase and the situation could deteriorate rapidly. There are air travel disruptions and local authorities could take additional measures, such as closing the airspace.”

The US advisory asked its citizens to “avoid travel to Jammu & Kashmir. As stated in the April 23, 2025 security alert, US govt personnel are prohibited from travelling to J&K... There are potential flight disruptions across India.”

Bikaner, Barmer, and Sriganganagar, were placed under high alert. Schools in these areas were shut.

Farmers near Sriganganagar were advised to stay away from the border. “Patrolling has increased,” said a resident. Air defence systems in Jaisalmer were fully activated and IAF sorties continued over western Rajasthan. “I am

in constant touch with every SP in my range,” said Jodhpur range IG Vikas Kumar.

In Gujarat, marine and paramilitary forces intensified patrols along coastal districts like Kutch, Banaskantha, and Patan. “We are ensuring no intrusions occur during this tense period,” said a BSF officer. Villagers in Suigam were told to switch off lights at night.

27 airports shut; over 400 flights cancelled today

New Delhi/Mumbai: Twenty-seven airports in north, west and central India have been closed for commercial flights, for now till 5.29am Saturday (May 10), report Saurabh Sinha & Manju V.

Indian carriers cancelled a total of 430 flights for Thursday, which was 3% of the country's total scheduled flights, while Pakistan carriers cancelled 147 flights, 17% of its total scheduled flights. Airspace over Pakistan and the western shoulder of India between Kashmir and Gujarat was free of civilian air traffic as airlines shunned the sensitive zone, showed FlightRadar24, which also shared the flight cancellation data. Most foreign carriers stopped using Pakistani airspace, re-routing flights over Mumbai and Ahmedabad.

Airports that have been closed are Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Chandigarh, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Patiala, Bathinda, Halwara, Pathankot, Bhuntar, Shimla, Gaggal, Dharamsala, Kishangarh, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Mundra, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Porbandar, Kandla, Keshod, Bhuj, Gwalior and Hindon, said industry sources. Those that only handle military charters are also closed.

Wednesday saw about 250 flights getting cancelled. Air India said two of its international flights en route to Amritsar were diverted to Delhi. American Air cancelled its Delhi-New York flight Wednesday.

Message to world: Strikes were in line with UNSC call to punish terrorists

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New Delhi: Operation Sindoor was in line with the UNSC statement last month underlining the need to bring the perpetrators and the backers of the Pahalgam attack — which was marked by extreme barbarity — to justice and intended to deter more such planned attacks on Indian soil by Pakistan-based terrorist modules, the govt said in a message to the international community.

Describing India's military strikes as non-escalatory, responsible, measured and proportionate, foreign secretary Vikram Misri said there was clear evidence to link Pakistan with the Pahalgam attack, including communication nodes of terrorists “in and to Pakistan”.

According to Misri, The Resistance Front (TRF), which claimed responsibility for Pahalgam, was nothing but a front for UN-proscribed Pakistani terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), and India's intelligence has developed an accurate picture of the planners and backers of this team.

“India exercised its right to respond and pre-empt, as well as deter more such cross-border attacks. India's actions focused on dismantling the terrorist infrastructure and disabling terrorists likely to be sent across to India,” said Misri, briefing the med-



Pakistani troops walk through the rubble at a site in Muridke

ia about India's move to defang Pakistan's terror factory with military strikes on LeT and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) headquarters.

Misri said even after two weeks of the attack, there was no demonstrable step by Pakistan against its terrorist infrastructure on its territory or in POK. “Our intelligence monitoring of Pakistan-based terrorist modules indicated that further attacks against India were impending. There was thus a compulsion both to deter and to pre-empt,” he said.

Recalling that TRF had claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam attack, Misri said India's twice last year brought out its role before a UN committee as a cover for Pakistan-based terrorist groups. “Earlier too, in Dec 2023, India had informed the monitoring team (1267 Sanctions Committee) about

Kashmir Valley. “The calculation, presumably, was that harming growth and development in the Union territory would help keep it backward and create fertile ground for continued cross-border terrorism from Pakistan,” he said.

Misri also said the manner of the Pahalgam attack was driven by an objective of provoking communal discord, both in J&K and the rest of India. “It is to the credit of govt and the people of India that these designs were foiled,” he said.

Govt also said the features of the Pahalgam attack were in keeping with Pakistan's long track record of perpetrating cross-border terror in India, while underscoring Pakistan's duplicity in its handling of terrorism under pressure from the international community. Misri recalled how Pakistan had misled the FATF to get off its grey list and the Mumbai attacks accused Sajid Mir case in which the accused was declared dead, and then, in response to international pressure, brought back to life, found alive and arrested.

“Pakistan also has a well-deserved reputation as a haven for terrorists from around the world, with internationally proscribed terrorists enjoying impunity there. In addition, Pakistan has been known to wilfully mislead the world and international forums, such as the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), on this issue,” said the official.

Downed 5 jets, says Pak, but gives no proof

Omer Farooq Khan TNN

Islamabad: Hours after Operation Sindoor, Pakistan PM Shabbaz Sharif, while addressing a session of parliament Wednesday, lauded his country's army for its “swift response” to Indian strikes and claimed it had shot down five jets of the neighbouring country. He did not provide any evidence to back his claim.

Sharif alleged India had responded with “aggression” despite Pakistan's “offer” for a transparent international probe into Pahalgam massacre. He said 80 Indian aircraft were part of the offensive, but Pakistan's air defence “effectively neutralised” the threat. He claimed the

Ready to ‘wrap up’ tensions if New Delhi de-escalates situation: Pak def minister

Pakistan's defence minister Khawaja Asif on Wednesday said the country was ready to “wrap up” tensions with India, if New Delhi de-escalates the situation. “We have been saying all along in the last fortnight that we'll never initiate anything hostile towards India. But if we're attacked, we'll respond. If India backs down, we will wrap up this tension,” he was quoted as saying by Bloomberg.

Pakistan army, meanwhile, threatened “strong retaliation”. Army spokesperson Lt Gen Ahmed Sharf Chaudhry claimed eight people, mostly civilians, were killed and 36 injured. But as footage of destroyed terror camps started circulating, showing multiple bodies being carried away, he increased the toll to “at least 26”.

Pakistan on Wednesday evening restored air traffic across major routes, while a few routes are to remain closed for another 24 hours. It had earlier on Wednesday announced a 48-hour closure of its airspace for all air traffic. Pakistan said 57 international flights and several local flights were in its airspace when India struck.

military had “prior intelligence” about India's plans. Earlier, at an emergency meeting of National Security Committee (NSC), which was

chaired by Sharif and attended by top military and civilian leaders, Pakistan condemned India's coordinated attacks as “acts of war”. NSC directed

the armed forces to deliver a “befitting response to the unprovoked strikes”. Accusing New Delhi of “igniting an inferno in the region”, it said “responsibility for ensuing consequences shall lie squarely with India”. NSC warned that in consonance with Article 51 of UN Charter, Islamabad reserved its right to respond in self-defence “at a time, place and manner of its choosing” to avenge the loss of “innocent Pakistani lives”. NSC alleged the Indian strikes deliberately targeted civilian areas “on the false pretext of presence of imaginary terrorist camps”.

Pakistan's foreign minister Ishaq Dar said Islamabad had exercised restraint in the face of India's strikes. He briefed Chinese ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, who called on him after the strikes.

PM's recorded speech hints he locked May 7 for strike

New Delhi: It is rare for PM Narendra Modi to send recorded messages. Equipped with impressive oratorical skills, he prefers to go “live”. Yet, his decision to record his message for the Global Conference on Space Exploration on Wednesday, which had promised to be a normal day, suggests he had settled on May 6-7 as the date to avenge the mass killings of tourists in J&K's Pahalgam.

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While recording the speech, Modi dropped no hint of the impending strike. “India's space journey is not about racing others. It is about reaching higher together. Together, we share a common goal to explore space for the good of humanity,” the PM said calmly, even when his mind may have been occupied with plans presented to him by the leaders of the armed forces.

The PM also spoke about India's strides in the space sector, from launching a small rocket in 1963 to becoming the first nation to land near the south pole of the Moon. “Our rockets carry more than payloads. They carry the dreams of 1.4 billion Indians. India's achievements are significant scientific milestones. Beyond that, they are proof that the human spirit can defy gravity,” he added.

OUTREACH AFTER PAHALGAM

PM Modi called US Prez
PM met Saudi Crown Prince

PM called Australia PM, Nepal PM, Mauritius PM, US VP

PM called with Egypt FM
EAM called: UAE Prez, Iran Prez

EAM called South Korea FM
Defence minister Rajnath Singh called US Secy of Defence

PM called Russia Prez
EAM call with Latvia FM

Source: @tanvi_madan via x.com

PM Narendra Modi, defence minister Rajnath Singh and foreign minister S Jaishankar spoke to several world leaders following the April 22 Pahalgam attack and in the run-up to the May 7 strikes

April 22
April 23
April 24
April 25
April 26
April 27
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May 5
May 6

EAM S Jaishankar called France FM
PM called Israel PM, Jordan King, Japan PM, France Prez, Italy PM, Egypt Prez

PM called Netherlands PM, UK PM, Sri Lanka Prez

The EAM also spoke to his counterparts in countries across Europe, Africa and West Asia. He got in touch with the US Secretary of State, the Russian Foreign Minister and also the UN Secretary-General

EAM called UK FM

PM called Qatar Emir

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Post strike, India mounts fresh diplomatic offensive

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New Delhi: Almost immediately after Operation Sindoor, NSA Ajit Doval reached out to his counterparts from across the world, including the US, the UK, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Japan, to brief them about India's non-escalatory and restrained response. Govt sources said he briefed them about the method of execution of the strikes, while stressing India had no intention to escalate but was prepared to retaliate “resolutely” if Pakistan chooses to respond militarily.

Doval also spoke to his counterparts from Russia, France and China. The NSA explained that India's action was precise and focused, and no civilian, military or economic targets were hit. Most countries are said to have been supportive of India's “zero tolerance” policy towards the terrorism, even as they urged both India and Pakistan to exercise restraint and de-escalate.

US secretary of state and NSA Marco Rubio urged both sides to keep lines of communication open and avoid escalation. Both Japan and China

called for restraint, while condemning terrorism. China, however, described the military strikes as regrettable.

Separately, foreign minister S Jaishankar had a telecon with his counterparts from Germany and France, appreciating their solidarity and support for zero-tolerance towards terrorism.

Foreign secretary Vikram Misri also briefed envoys of 13 countries, all UNSC member-states, including China, and raised four issues with them. These included the current escalation by Pakistani side, including at LoC, its shielding of LeT-backed TRF, targeted Indian response and the barbaric way tourists in Pahalgam were killed. He's also learnt to have spoken about cross-border linkages of the terrorists, including their communication nodes “in and to Pakistan”.

Misri made it clear that if Pakistan responds, India will respond too. Responding to a question from one of the ambassadors, he said the onus of de-escalation was on Pakistan as India had only responded to

a terrorist attack. Asked if India had achieved its objective, Misri pointed to the fact that India had hit nine terror camps. The UK asked about the targeting of civilians in a mosque, to which Misri said the structure comprised a complex that included a terror camp. The Indian mission in the UN, sources said, is reaching out to UNSC members in New York.

Important partners like Russia and Japan strongly condemned terrorism but also urged India and Pakistan to avoid escalation. Japanese foreign minister Takeshi Iwaya spoke to Jaishankar and said “fair investigation and punishment” of the offenders are important. Iwaya stated that Japan is deeply concerned that the recent series of events could lead to further reprisals and escalate into a full-scale military conflict, while urging both India and Pakistan to exercise restraint and stabilise the situation through dialogue. Russia again called upon both countries to resolve their agreements in line with the 1972 Simla Agreement and the 1999 Lahore Declaration. France also sought restraint and de-escalation.

Kids among 12 killed in Pak shelling on J&K, civilians being evacuated

Army Jawan Also Dies As Poonch Bears The Brunt

Sanjay Khajuria & Naseer Ganai

Jammu/Srinagar: At least a dozen civilians, including four children, and an Army jawan were killed and more than 50 others wounded as Pakistan unleashed heavy artillery and mortar fire along LoC in J&K's border districts early Wednesday following Operation Sindoor. The slain jawan was identified as Lance Naik Dimesh Kumar of the 5 Field Regiment.

Poonch district in Jammu region bore the brunt, reporting all civilian deaths and 42 of the wounded, officials said. Two CRPF men were also wounded when a shell exploded at a bus stand in Poonch town. This marked the 13th straight night of cross-border firing.

"Pakistan again violates ceasefire agreement by firing artillery in Bimber Gali in

Poonch-Rajouri area. Indian Army is responding appropriately..."

Army posted on X.

Shelling triggered panic across frontier villages, forcing residents into underground bunkers or prompting evacuations. Exact number of evacuees has not been disclosed. Poonch administration activated shelter camps at educational institutions. Food, accommodation, and medical care were assured at all facilities.

Locals said shelling began around 1am and continued into early morning hours. Dozens of houses and vehicles suffered extensive damage as shells landed in areas, including Balakote, Mendhar, Manakote, Krishna Ghati, Gulpur, Kerni, and Poonch town.

Victims were identified as M Zain Khan, 10, Zoya Khan, 12, M Akram, 40, Amir Singh, 55, M Iqbal, 45, Ranjeet Singh, 48, Balvinder "Ruby" Kour, 33,



Smoke billows after an artillery shell lands in the main town of Poonch district in Jammu region on Wednesday

Shakeela B, 40; Amarjeet Singh, 47; Maryam Khatoon, 7; Vihaan Bhargava, 13; and M Rafi, 40. Three others were wounded in Rajouri district. Lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha reviewed the ground situation with administrative and police officials. "We will ensure the safety of every citizen," he said.

CM Omar Abdullah convened an emergency meeting with chief secretary, divisional commissioners, and

district heads. Ambulances were dispatched to border areas and health departments instructed to maintain stockpiles of medical supplies and ensure presence of doctors and paramedics. Omar expressed grief over civilian casualties and ordered immediate release of Rs 5 crore to each border district and Rs 2 crore to other districts to fund relief and emergency operations. "Priority must be given to frontier

districts," he said. Strengthening of shelters, evacuation readiness, and food stockpiles were emphasised.

In Srinagar, calm largely prevailed. While schools near the airport were closed as a precaution, normal life continued in most parts. Civilian flights, including Hajj departures, were suspended.

Elsewhere, debris struck a school building in Wayan of Pulwama, after locals reported an explosion and falling wreckage early Wednesday. No confirmation on the wreckage's origin was given, but nearby houses shook and tree branches snapped.

Police and CRPF cordoned off the site while fire services removed debris using bulldozers. In north Kashmir, at least 15 civilians were wounded in Uri and Kupwara districts amid shelling in Gungul, Dachina, Salamabad, and Machil sectors. Batpora village in Karnah reported five homes destroyed. Many families began fleeing Machil sector after mortar shells struck residential areas around lam.

HIGH ALERT AT THE TAJ



Security personnel keep vigil at the Taj Mahal complex in Agra on Wednesday

Shah hails armed forces, Rajnath invokes Hanuman

Govt to brief key netas at all-party meeting today

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: "Chun chun ke marung" — the war-cry of BJP netas since the Pahalgam massacre rang true as India launched a retaliatory strike and the party brass hailed Operation Sindoor, asserting their commitment to action.

"Proud of our armed forces. Operation Sindoor is Bharat's response to the brutal killing of our brothers in Pahalgam," home minister Amit Shah, the first to articulate

BJP's revenge, posted on X, emphasising Modi gov't's resolve to deliver a befitting response to any attack on India. The country remains firmly committed to eradicating terrorism from its roots, he said.

The daily event saw a drop in visitors following the terrorist attack in Kashmir. On April 24, BSF closed the border gates and halted the customary handshake and coordinated marching drill shared with Pakistan Rangers, marking the beginning of reduced ceremonial protocol.

"The crowd has decreased after Pahalgam attack, and the re is a heightened security risk after the Operation Sindoor. Hence, we decided to suspend the high-kicking parade," a BSF officer said. "Flag-raising and flag-lowering ceremonies will take place in a simple fashion."

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Hostility level still low, Pak may not hit N-button yet: Experts

'But Direct Military Confrontation May Heighten Risk'

M-RANGE OF TWO N-NEIGHBOURS

Pakistan's Missile Power...

...And India's

Note: Selected missiles shown

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New Delhi:

Both India and Pakistan possess an array of missiles that can strike targets deep inside the other's territory. But range is moot for the two hostile neighbours given the proximity of their major cities and strategic centres

1 Half-6 Shaheen 2 2,000km

2 Half-5 Ghauri 1,300km

3 Half-4 Shaheen 1 750km

4 Half-7 Babur 1A (Cruise Missile) 450km

5 Half-1 & Half-9 Nasr 70km

6 Agni V 5,000+ km

7 Agni IV 4,000 km

8 Agni III 3,000 km

9 Agni II 2,000 km

10 Agni I & Nirbhay (Cruise Missile) 1,000 km

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India battles disinformation war after its Sindoor success

New Delhi: Soon after its strikes on terror camps in Pakistan and POK, India found itself unable to fend off a massive disinformation campaign unleashed by its neighbour.

In what appeared to be an attempt to distract attention from the strikes and manipulate the narrative, pro-Pakistan social media handles and influential political figures let loose a volley of news, which included fabricating accounts of miraculous military victories and heroic triumphs

Check, then post: Govt to China paper

Indian embassy in Beijing has cautioned China's state-run tabloid Global Times to verify messages before posting them on social media on Indian military strikes targeting Pakistan's terror infrastructure on Wednesday. "Dear @globaltimesnews we would recommend you verify your facts and cross-examine your sources before pushing out this kind of disinformation," the Indian embassy said on X.

that simply did not exist.

For example, a viral image was spread to falsely claim that Pakistan army had shot down an Indian Rafale jet near Baha-walpur. The image, however, was debunked by PIB Fact Check, which established that it was a MfC-21 crash in Moga, Punjab, in 2021 — entirely unrelated to current events.

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NH-65, Vijayawada-520013, Andhra Pradesh. Website: www.apsfl.in
Notice No: APSFL/Recruitment/15/2025 Dt. 07-04-2025

APSF requires services of motivated, experienced individuals having suitable experience and interpersonal skills. APSFL here by announces to fill up the below mentioned position. The applications received on Dated: 08th May 25 to 22nd May 25

S.NO	RECRUITING POSITION	DEPARTMENT
1	Chief Technology Officer (CTO)	APSF, Vijayawada

For Further details:

- Please visit www.apsfl.in for Job Description.
- Please send your profile/Updated CV to E-Mail: apsfl@ap.gov.in.
- Profiles received through above mentioned E-Mail id will only be considered.

DIPR No.4089PPCLADVT/11/2021-23 Dt.07.05.2025

Sd/-

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हाट रोड, बी, नरसिंह नगर, ग्रेटर नौएडा, पंचायत समिति-281308
वेबसाइट: www.greaternoidaauthority.in ई-मेल: authority@gnda.in

पत्रांक: वरि.प्र./ई-निविदा सेल/ 2025 / 604 दिनांक: 07.05.2025

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

महाप्रबंधक (अभियन्तग) ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, ग्रेटर नौएडा की ओर से ई निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सख्या वरि. प्र./ई-निविदा सेल/ 2025 / 603 दिनांक 07.05.2025 के माध्यम से उल्लेखित क्रम संख्या 01 से 05 तक के कार्य की ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित जाती हैं। समस्त नियम व शर्तें ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट: www.greaternoidaauthority.in पर ई-निविदा लिंक एवं ई-पोर्टल tender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध हैं किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त सूचनाओं के लिए पलक वेबसाइट देखते रहें।

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सॉर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
1.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के ग्राम हल्दौली में डीएससी रोड से वर्मा जल निकालने के लिए एम एस. पाईपलाइन और पंपिंग सिस्टम सफलता कराना और बिछाये जाने का कार्य। (वर्क सॉर्किल-3)	र. 70.38 लाख
2.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के ग्राम तिजपला में डीएससी रोड से वर्मा जल निकालने के लिए एम एस. पाईपलाइन और पंपिंग सिस्टम सफलता कराना और बिछाये जाने का कार्य। (वर्क सॉर्किल-3)	र. 82.58 लाख
3.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के ग्राम सूरजपुर में डीएससी रोड से वर्मा जल निकालने के लिए एम एस. पाईपलाइन और पंपिंग सिस्टम सफलता कराना और बिछाये जाने का कार्य। (वर्क सॉर्किल-3)	र. 145.11 लाख
4.	ग्राम खानपुर में 6 प्रतिशत आबादी भूखण्डों की आन्तरिक सड़कों का सुदृढीकरण एवं आर.सी.सी. नाली का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सॉर्किल- 8)	र. 120.79 लाख

विद्युतीकरण का कार्य

5.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के विभिन्न स्थानों पर फाउन्टेन-बाटर बीजीज के 02 वर्ष हेतु संचालन एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। (वर्क सॉर्किल- ईंधनएम-3)	र. 151.78 लाख
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क्रम सं. - 01 से 05 तक के कार्यों का दिनांक - 09.05.2025 से 19.05.2025 को 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 21.05.2025 को 11.00 बजे खोली जाएगी।

वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक (ई-निविदा सेल)

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: 1220252026 Dated: 07.05.2025

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager North Central Railway, Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites online open tenders (E-Tender) as detailed below-

E-Tender Notice No.: 1220252026-42, **Name of Work:** SFG-BMU-Construction of Compound wall between SFG-BMU section to prevent trespassing.

Approx Cost (in Rs.): 2,34,69,415.65 **Earnest Money (in Rs.):** 2,67,400.00

Nature of work: Any Civil Engineering works.

E-Tender Notice No.: 1220252026-43, **Name of Work:** Subedarganj Provision of one additional room with toilet in 24 Nos. Type V duplex quarter in Raiganj colony.

Approx Cost (in Rs.): 1,92,80,081.78 **Earnest Money (in Rs.):** 2,46,400.00

Nature of work: Construction of building.

Date & Time of Closing of tender: 30.05.2025 at 12.00 PM, **Completion Period:** 09 Months., **Note:** For full details and submission of tenders, please see the website www.ireps.gov.in. 791/25 (D)

North central railway www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

Dholera Industrial City Development Limited

A NEW ERA

Tender is invited from reputed and experienced agencies for the following. The salient features, eligibility criteria and prescribed formats for submission of tenders are available at the procurement portal, as mentioned in below table, as amended from time to time including time extension, if any.

TENDER NOTICE

Sr.	Description	Bid Due Date
1	R/Q cum RIP for Appointment of Project Management Consultant for Infrastructure Development in the Activation Area of the Dholera Special Investment Region (DSIR), Dholera	22.05.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs (Online) 22.05.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs (Physical)

Portal link : dicdtender.nprocure.com

The Tender submission shall be accompanied with the requisite Tender Fee, EMD, Forms, supporting documents, etc. as required in the Tender Document. The Tender submission must be addressed to : Managing Director, Dholera Industrial City Development Ltd (DICDL)

16th Floor, Block No. 1 and 2, Udyog Bhavan, Sector-11, Gandhinagar-382011 Gujarat, India. Email : tender@dicdl.in
Phone : +91 - 079-29750500 CIN : U45209GJ2016SGC085839

Bank of India

Head Office, Information Technology Department, Star House-3, PNB-BOI Tower, C-29, G Block, 10th Floor, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051 E-mail: Headoffice@bankofindia.co.in

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR

Hardware for FCBS, Renewal of AMC and FMS support of Anubis's Clearpass Network Access Control (NAC) Solution for 6 Years for Domestic, FCBS & RRB Segment through part coded RFP process vide Ref. No. Ref:BOI HO-IT NAC. AP-279 Dated 03.05.2025

GeM Bid No. GEM/2025/B/6196793 Dt. 03.05.2025

The captioned RFP is available on Bank's corporate website www.bankofindia.co.in under "Tender" section & GeM portal. Subsequent changes if any, will henceforth be uploaded on the Bank's website & GeM portal. The last date of submission: 02.06.2025

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आवश्यक सूचना

स्वास्थ्य विभाग, बिहार के अन्तर्गत राज्य के चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय एवं अस्पतालों में 25 विभागों (स्पेशियलिटी) के अधीन सहायक प्राध्यापक के कुल-1711 रिक्त पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या-04/2025 से 28/2025 के लिए निर्धारित ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने की अंतिम तिथि- 07.05.2025 से बढ़ाकर दिनांक-15.05.2025 तक की जाती है।

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CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvn.com

RO No. 320 e-Tender corrigendum Notice-10 Dated : 06/05/2025

In continuation to uploaded below e-tender for construction of Sirkari Bhyol Rupsiabagar HEP (3x40 MW), Munseyari, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, Date & technical corrigendum has been uploaded in the portal.

Tender No. (Package-I): 01/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2024-25
Tender No. (Package-II): 02/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2024-25
Tender No. (Package-III): 03/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2024-25

Name of work (Pac-I): Construction of Cofferd dam, Barrage, intake and its appurtenant works including river diversion works & associated project roads and bridges etc

Name of work (Pac-II): Construction of Feeder tunnel, Desander, HRT, SFT, surge shaft, valve house, adits and its appurtenant works & associated project roads.

Name of work (Pac-III): Construction of underground Power House Building, Tail Race tunnel, Switch yard and other associated work of Power House plant, Adits, MAT, vertical pressure shaft & steel liner including branch tunnel & associated project roads.

Bid submission closing date on portal: 22.05.2025 upto 16:00 Hrs
For full & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in".

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PAYBACK FOR PAHALGAM

A dozen terror strikes, including Pulwama, plotted at Bahawalpur

►Continued from P1

His comeback event was attended by key figures, including younger brother Maulana Talha Saif and son Mohammad Abdullah Bin Masood.

India had dealt the first major blow to a terror seminary in 2019, when it attacked Jaish camps in Balakot — regarded as the “first launchpad for jihad” by Syed Ahmed Barelvi — to avenge the killing of 40 CRPF troopers in Pulwama. The fear generated by India's air strikes then appeared to have worn thin, encouraging Jaish to resume its terror campaign. LeT, though chastened for a while after a mysterious terror attack near the residence of its founder

Hafiz Saeed, had also stepped up its attacks.

Located on NH-5 (Karachi-Torkham Highway) in Bahawalpur (Punjab province), the Markaz served as the operational headquarters of JeM. Over a dozen significant terror strikes, including the 2019 Pulwama attack, were planned here. The perpetrators of the Pulwama attack had even trained at this facility which has been home to over 600 cadres and hosted regular training sessions for JeM members. The intelligence dossier shared with various foreign govts said the Markaz was constructed with the support of Pakistan's provincial and federal govts, supplemented by funds raised by JeM. The complex

boasts modern facilities, including a gymnasium and swimming pool for underwater training to terrorists besides a stable.

Muridke's Markaz Taiba, LeT's main training hub, was no less important as a strategic objective. Located in Nangal Sahdan, the 82-acre complex houses a madrassa, a market, residential quarters for operatives, sports facilities, a fish farm and fields, making it a self-sustaining terror training facility. Al Qaida chief Osama bin Laden had contributed Pakistani Rs 10 million for construction of a mosque and a guest house within the Markaz Taiba complex.

The complex served as a multipurpose facility for LeT, offering training in arms and

physical combat, as well as 'dawah' and indoctrination programmes for terrorists from Pakistan and abroad. The perpetrators of the 26/11 attack, including Ajmal Kasab, were imparted 'Daura-e-Ribat' (training in collecting intelligence) at this facility which was even visited by David Coleman Headley. Annually, around 1,000 students enrol in various courses. The facility also hosted periodic training sessions for LeT's top leadership.

Another big name on India's target list was JeM's Syedna Bilal Markaz in Muzaifarabad in POK. This facility was used as a transit camp for JeM terrorists before they were launched in-

to J&K. At any point of time, 50-100 cadres resided in this facility. Specialised training was provided by Pakistan's Special Service Group, an elite wing to which former dictator Pervez Musharraf belonged. JeM's operational commander and head of PKK Mufti Asghar Khan Kashmiri is in-charge of the facility that also operates as the base for digging of cross-border tunnels for infiltration of terrorists.

Among other targets hit by India, Sarjal and Tehra Kalan served as JeM's primary launchpad in Pakistan's Punjab, operating from inside a primary health centre and facilitating cross-border tunnel digging and drone operations for

arms and narcotics smuggling. Mehmoona Joya, a Hizbul Mujahideen facility in Sialkot, was also concealed inside a health unit. It provided weapons training, besides coordinating terrorist infiltration into Jammu under Irfan Tando.

Additionally, an LeT camp in Barnala (PoK), Markaz Ahle Hadith, with a capacity for 100-150 cadres, was reduced to ashes. JeM's Markaz Abbas in Kotli, headed by NIA-wanted Qari Zarar, planned terror strikes and coordinated infiltration into Poonch and Rajouri sectors. Hizbul Mujahideen's Markaz Raheel Shahid in Kotli trained terrorists in Border Action Team operations and sniping attacks.

BRIDCUL (ब्रिडकुल)

विद्युत, रोपरे, टनल इत्यादि बंधन विभाग के अधीन निम्नलिखित कार्य पर उल्लेखित क्रम संख्या 01 से 05 तक के कार्य की ई-निविदा आमंत्रित जाती है। समस्त नियम व शर्तें ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट: www.greaternoidaauthority.in पर उपलब्ध हैं किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त सूचनाओं के लिए पलक वेबसाइट देखते रहें।

Ref: 1023/BRIDCUL-1002/25 Dated:- 07/05/2025

E-TENDERING

On behalf of Hon'ble, Governor of Uttarakhand, E-Tenders are invited by Managing Director BRIDCUL, from the Contractors registered with BRIDCUL only in Category-I (Rs 05 to 10 Cr.) for the works given as below:-

S. No.	Ref No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost (In Lac) Including GST)	Earnest Money (In Lac)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.)	Time Period
1	BRIDCUL/HQ DDN/18/2025-26)	Development of Festive Ground, Admin Building & Haat at Jadung, Distt. Uttarkashi.	575.87	11.52	5000+ 18% GST	15 Month

For above tenders, document download start date is 09.05.2025 and Bid submission end date is 30.05.2025 at 1500 Hrs. The details of e-tender of above works can be obtained directly from website <https://uktenders.gov.in>

Changes, if any will be intimated only through website <https://uktenders.gov.in>

General Manager (Civil)-II

भारत सरकार
कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय

तस्वित्त कर्पोरेट अफेयर्स प्रसेकराज बेंड (सी.पी.ए.)
आई.आई.सी. र. विडिंग, 7वीं मंजिर,
प्लॉट P-6, 7, 8, ई-5, आई.एम.सी. मनेसर, नुडगांव,
हरियाणा - 122050.

Email: roc.cspace@mca.gov.in

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

Public Notice:ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2024-25/03 Date: -29/04/2025

Reference:

In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (49) companies in the state of Delhi under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S. No.	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	AB2963418	U74140DL2008PTC181313	BOTTOM LINE CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED
2	AB2974507	U25200DL2009PTC186382	FLORICAL POLYMERS PRIVATE LIMITED
3	AB3073555	U51909DL2004PTC130524	PAGODA ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED
4	AB3081256	U15100DL2019PTC358527	HARI RAM CHHILLAR DAIRY FARMS PRIVATE LIMITED
5	AB3095791	U52605DL2017PTC325322	NARENDRA KUMAR TRADING PRIVATE LIMITED
6	AB3109790	U74999DL2002PTC114313	TIRUPATI FLOAT GLASS PRIVATE LIMITED
7	AB3115529	U28999DL2019PTC355854	GURUKIRAN ENGINEERING WORKS PRIVATE LIMITED
8	AB3132413	U51909DL2021PTC376037	ADDFARM TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED
9	AB3137591	U74999DL2022PTC391968	XCELENT INTRESEC PRIVATE LIMITED
10	AB3141030	U24233DL2013PTC262223	B & I LIFE SCIENCES PRIVATE LIMITED
11	AB3150336	U11043DL2023PTC411902	FRESHPEO INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
12	AB3152293	U52201DL2000PTC108076	HAZEL FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED
13	AB3270753	U51909DL20140PC272682	AVERWITH EXIM OPC PRIVATE LIMITED
14	AB3292485	U70200DL2008PTC183553	ALPHA REAL ESTATE ADVISORS PRIVATE LIMITED
15	AB3293614	U72900DL2004PTC123863	CRAWING INFOSOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
16	AB3296918	U72900DL2019PTC359483	JEEVANSH INFOTECH PRIVATE LIMITED
17	AB3309701	U40106DL2017PTC315184	IMPEL POWER SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
18	AB3345210	U34300DL1999PTC098851	ROCKMAN AUTO PRIVATE LIMITED
19	AB3360592	U47810DL2024PTC433119	AVYAGRAH FOODS AND BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED
20	AB3368460	U24304DL2019PTC355729	COVENTIC PHARMA PRIVATE LIMITED
21	AB3370321	U70109DL2012PTC244898	ILEX REALTECH PRIVATE LIMITED
22	AB3411921	U41001DL2024PTC435131	STASIS CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
23	AB3420465	U01400DL2024PTC389158	GO GREEN FARMING VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
24	AB3424246	U82990DL2024PTC426466	ACUITY RISK CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED
25	AB3444655	U72200DL2007PTC164896	INDE BURST NETWORKS PRIVATE LIMITED
26	AB3448471	U17122DL2006PTC149978	GULMUHAR SILK PRIVATE LIMITED
27	AB3450516	U27100DL2010PTC209093	KALPI METALS PRIVATE LIMITED
28	AB3452030	U74904DL2023PTC412578	L S PATROL PRIVATE LIMITED
29	AB3457863	U72900DL2022PTC399875	TIKI VIDEO TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
30	AB3463065	U72900DL2021PTC116476	MARVY EXIM AND CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED
31	AB3468548	U29249DL2017PTC319471	ANIMATRONICS ENGINEERING & AUTOMATION PRIVATE LIMITED
32	AB3469764	U72300DL2015PTC279689	RESOLWEB TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
33	AB3488339	U52100DL2011PTC225690	ELEVATE RETAIL PRIVATE LIMITED
34	AB3488687	U74900DL2016PTC291381	CREWBANE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
35	AB3491986	U72900DL2022PTC398859	REALITY SHIFT PRIVATE LIMITED
36	AB3497760	U31900DL2021PTC378039	HAADY ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED
37	AB3498430	U31909DL2021PTC378279	CHAKI ELECTRONIC UDYOG PRIVATE LIMITED
38	AB3513725	U45400DL2021PTC389570	SHORAI EPC PRIVATE LIMITED
39	AB3517652	U25209DL2022PTC402761	JAMMU MULTIPACK PRIVATE LIMITED
40	AB3523465	U72300DL2007PTC164302	AURUM INFOTECH PRIVATE LIMITED
41	AB3527890	U52100DL2019PTC355522	PUTZ SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
42	AB3544005	U74300DL2012PTC244110	MAX-THERM ENGINEERS PRIVATE LIMITED
43	AB3552958	U52099DL2020PTC370139	AGROPIKIC GRAINS PRIVATE LIMITED
44	AB3444364	U52100DL2009PTC196160	YULAN EXIM PRIVATE LIMITED
45	AB3527085	U72200DL2014PTC266593	CRAC TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
46	AB3430208	U60903DL2013PTC262120	WINGS TO SOAR INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
47	AB3561586	U93000DL2017PTC321106	KHATU SHYAM SWEETS AND BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED
48	AB3308099	U74999DL2018PTC335491	ANANTKOTI SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
49	AB3112077	U24100DL2021OPC391587	CLEAN BEAN (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED

2. Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of (its/their name) (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.

3. Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.

4. Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

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झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग सर्वोत्तर सेट, रैली

उच्च एवं तकनीकी शिक्षा विभाग, झारखण्ड के अधीन निदेशक, तकनीकी शिक्षा निदेशालय, झारखण्ड के एकल पद पर नियमित नियुक्ति (विज्ञापन संख्या-01/2023) के संबंध में आवश्यक सूचना।

उच्च एवं तकनीकी शिक्षा विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार के पत्रांक-137, दिनांक-06.02.2025 द्वारा सूचित किया गया कि वर्तमान में तकनीकी शिक्षा सेवा नियमावली, 2024 अधिसूचित हो गयी है, जिसमें निहित प्रावधानों के अलाके में ही अब निदेशक, तकनीकी शिक्षा के पद पर नियुक्ति की कार्यवाही की जानी है न कि झारखण्ड तकनीकी शिक्षा सेवा नियमावली, 2013 (संशोधित 2015) में निहित प्रावधानों के अलाके में। साथ ही विभाग द्वारा निदेशक, तकनीकी शिक्षा के पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु आयोग द्वारा प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या-01/2023 को रद्द करने की सहमति दी गयी।

2. तदनुसार निदेशक, तकनीकी शिक्षा निदेशालय, झारखण्ड (गैर संवर्गीय) के एकल पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या-01/2023 को रद्द किया जाता है।

3. यह प्रेस विज्ञापन आयोग के वेबसाइट www.jpsc.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

हो/- परीक्षा नियंत्रक, झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, राँची।

PR.NO.351857 Jharkhand Public Service Commission(25-26):D

NAGAR NIGAM FIROZABAD (NNF) (UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA)

Letter No: 208/NNF/2025-26

Re E-Procurement Tender Notice

Chief Engineer, Nagar Nigam Firozabad invites percentage-rate bids on <http://tender.up.nic.in> from eligible bidders for the following package under the CM-GRID Scheme.

S. No	Package No.	Included Roads	Length of Road (Km)	Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs. Lakh)	Total Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. In Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Lakh)	Duration of Construction work (in Months)	Tender Fee Including GST
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Timeline :

S.No	Event	Date & Time
1	Availability of tender document on E-Tendering portal	08.05.2025
2	Pre-bid meetings	14.05.2025, 03:00 PM @ 3rd floor UR/DA, Sector-7, Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow-226002.
3	Last date of uploading the tender document on E-Tendering Portal	21.05.2025, 03:00 PM
4	Opening of tender (technical bid)	21.05.2025, 04:00 PM

The Employer has right to issue addendum/corrigendum as per ITB clause-10 on-line which will not be published in any newspaper. All prospective bidders are advised to keep regular watch and visit e- tender portal regularly.

For further details please log on to <https://tender.up.nic.in> and down load the bid document

Chief Engineer
Nagar Nigam Firozabad

उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लिओ

विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, हल्द्वानी (उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उपक्रम) हल्द्वानी (नैनीताल)

पत्रांक-1471/विओएमओ(हो)/ई-निविदा प्रकाशन/2025-26 दिनांक-07.05.2025

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ई-निविदा: - मैस संचालन कार्य

**राजकीय मेडिकल कॉलेज, हल्द्वानी
(निविदा सूचना-मैस संचालन कार्य)**

राजकीय मेडिकल कॉलेज, हल्द्वानी द्वारा परिसर में स्थापित "मैस कुल 07 मैस" (एम.बी.बी.एस. ब्लॉक मैस 02, एम.बी.बी.एस. गलर्स मैस 02, पी.बी. ब्लॉक मैस 01, पी.बी. गलर्स मैस-01 एवं नर्सिंग गलर्स मैस 01) के संचालन कार्य हेतु कुशल "निविदादाताओं/टेकदारों" से जिनके पास प्रतिदिन लगभग 800-1000 छात्र छात्राओं को भोजन उपलब्ध कराने से संबंधित कार्यक्षेत्र में कार्य करने का किसी सरकारी/अर्धसरकारी/मेडिकल कॉलेज/चिकित्सालय/शिक्षण संस्थान/प्रशिक्षण संस्थान/ईनोवेटिव कॉलेज इत्यादि में 03 (तीन) वर्ष अथवा उससे अधिक का अनुभव हो, से "अनुबन्ध" के आधार पर "वार्षिक" रिवलुट करते हुये अधिकतम 03 (तीन) वर्षों के लिये निर्धारित "शर्तों एवं प्रतिबन्धों" के अन्तर्गत "ई-निविदा" आमंत्रित की जाती है। अन्य विस्तृत जानकारी नैक्सराईट <http://uktenders.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है, जिन्हें दिनांक 09.05.2025 (अपराह्न 6.30 बजे) से दिनांक 22.05.2025 के पुराने 11.30 बजे तक डाउनलोड (Download) किया जा सकता है। निविदा सूचना संख्या-384, दिनांकित 07 मई, 2025 दूरभाष संख्या 05946 255255, 255926 <http://uktenders.gov.in>

प्रचार्य,
राजकीय मेडिकल कॉलेज
हल्द्वानी।

**जयपुर विकास प्राधिकरण
हल्द्वानी संचालन, जयपुर लाल नहर मार्ग, जयपुर-302004**

संशोधन सूचना
इस प्रकोष्ठ द्वारा पूर्व में जारी निविदा सूचना अ.अ. एवं त.स.नि.अ.-1/05/2025-26 में क्रम 7 (यूबीएच नं. JDA2526WSOB00101 पर निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की अन्तिम तिथि को 01.05.2025 के स्थान पर 11.05.2025 पड़ जायेगी।
अधि.अभि. एवं तक.सहा. निदे.अधि. प्रथम।
राज सचिव/सी/25/1864

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender No. PRYJ-Sig-401-2025-26 Dated:-05-05-2025**

E-TENDER NOTICE
Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Co-ordination/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite E-TENDER on prescribed form for the following works up to 15.00 hrs. on 28-05-2025. The detail of the Tender is as under:-
Name of Work: "S&T work in connection with Provision of second loop line at Nibkaran station."
Approx. Cost of work (in Rs.): Rs. 5493885.30/- (Rs. Fifty-Four Lakhs Forty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Five and Thirty paise Only)
Bid Security/Earnest Money (in Rs.): 109000.00
Completion Period: 12 Months
Date of Closing of tender: 28 05 2025
Availability of tender form: Tender forms shall be available on www.irops.gov.in 21 days prior to date of opening of the tender
Earnest Money to be deposited: The prescribed amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above must be deposited along with the tender form online through Internet Banking or Online Payment gateway only. The tenderer(s) should note that, in any case, the Earnest Money in any other form than specified above shall not be acceptable. Tenders without earnest money shall be summarily rejected.
Time, date & place of opening of tender: Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Prayagraj on or after per-determined date at 15:30 hours. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day
Validity of offer: 60 days from the date of opening
Right of Railway to deal with tender: Railway administration reserve the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons. 778/25(AS)
North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice**

Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti, N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work:
Description of Work: The Balance work for "Provision for goods siding platform and other miscellaneous civil engineering works at Bhind Station."
E-Tender No.: JHS-ENG-GSU-2025-04 **Approx Cost :** ₹ 94285202.80
Earnest Money : ₹ 621400.00 **Date of closing Tender:** 27/05/2025
Date of Completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 12 month
Tender online can be submitted up to 10.30 hrs on 27.05.2025. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.irops.gov.in 779/25(DG)
North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

**OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
NAVARAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR**

**(CENTRAL TENDER CELL)
E-Procurement Tender Notice**
Main Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
Tenders are invited for the Following works:-

S. NO.	Systam Tender No. / Date	Name of Work	PAC Amount (Rupees in lacs)
1	167681 First Call 28.04.2025	Construction of College Building at Nagarda, (ic W.S.F. & Electrification Works.	431.79
2	167558 Third Call 28.04.2025	Construction of kalmi Naharpur to Balhadih via Chikhi, Chhotek, Badok, Singhra Road Length 12.80 km.	1188.93
3	167556 First Call 28.04.2025	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. NAVIN COLLEGE, GOHRAPADAR(BLOCK-MANPUR) IC. WATER SUPPLY, SANITARY FITTINGS, & ELECTRIFICATION WORK AT DISTT. GARIYABAND.(DN. GARIYABAND) UNDER NABARD POSHIT YOUNA.	463.39
4	167622 First Call 29.04.2025	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. COLLEGE PIRDA IC. WATER SUPPLY,SANITARY FITTINGS, RAIN WATER HARVESTING & ELECTRIFICATION WORK AT DISTT. MAHASAMUND UNDER NABARD POSHIT YOUNA.(MAHASAMUND DN.)	462.32
5	167557 Second Call 30.04.2025	Construction of High Level Bridge & Approach Road across Arpa River on Shanichari - Chantidih Road.	1110.56

Last Date of Tender Downloading S.NO. 02 date 13.05.2025, S.No. 05 date 19.05.2025. Other Tenders Date are Schedule as date 23.05.2025 For more details on the tender and bidding process please visit the above mentioned portal.
Sd/-
Chief Engineer
(Central Tender Cell)
Office Of Engineer in Chief
P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar
G-252600683/8

**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH,
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN
RAIPUR (C.G.)**

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
(1st CALL)
System Tender No.: 167784/NIT No.: 01/SAC/2025-26, Durg, Dated : 05.05.2025
Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 27.05.2025 at 17.30 Hour
Name of work : Remodeling from R.D. 0 m to 10800m & C.C. Lining from 0m to 6000m with construction of 01 No. D.C., 05 Nos. V.R.B., 01 Nos. Inlet, & Fixing of 21 Nos Colaba pipe of Anandgaon Minor under Tandula Project in Block Berla of District Bemetara.
Probable Amount of Contract Rs. 384.28 Lakhs
The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 13.05.2025, at 17.31 Hours. (IST) onwards.
NOTE :- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e- procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Tandula Water Resources Division, Durg (C.G.)
For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godavari Basin Raipur (C.G.)
G-252600699/9

उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड
(उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उपक्रम)
कार्यालय अधीनस्थ, विद्युत विभाग, गौरीगढ़, नैनीताल (कोटाई) दूरभाष: 01914-233199
कारपोरेट ऑफिस संख्या: U49109UP200415G02598772350 Email: info@upcl.org

निविदा निरस्तीकरण सूचना
इस खण्ड के कार्यालय पत्रांक संख्या-292/निविदा/नैनीताल दिनांक 12.03.2025 द्वारा दैनिक समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित निविदा सं 25/2024-2025 को अपरिहार्य कारणों से निरस्त किया जाता है।
"विद्युत बिलों के 24x7 ऑनलाईन भुगतान हेतु www.upcl.org पर जाये"
पत्रांक: 800/निविदा/नैनीताल दिनांक: 07/05/2025 अपरिहार्य अधिकृत
"राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाये" टोल फ्री नं 1800-419-0405

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड
विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, हल्द्वानी (नैनीताल)
पत्रांक: 14/73/निविदा/नैनीताल (हो)/निमप-विस्तार दिनांक 07.05.2025

ई निविदा विस्तार सूचना
इस कार्यालय द्वारा पूर्व में प्रकाशित ई निविदा सूचना-08/2025 26 जिसको ऑनलाईन/ऑफलाईन खोलने को तिथि दिनांक 08.05.2025 निर्धारित की गयी थी। अपरिहार्य कारणों से उक्त निविदा को खोलने की तिथि दिनांक 16.05.2025 अपराह्न 12.00 बजे निर्धारित की जाती है। निविदा को दिनांक 15.05.2025 के 17.00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। अन्य शर्तें अपरिवर्तनीय रहेंगी। कार्य को मुद्दे एवं शर्तें विभागीय वेबसाईट www.uktenders.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है। "विद्युत बिलों के 24x7 ऑनलाईन भुगतान हेतु WWW.UPCL.ORG पर जाये" Customer Toll Free No. 1912 अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, हल्द्वानी। "सहृदित में विद्युत बचाये" संख्या-1473/निविदा/नैनीताल (हो)/ई-निविदा/2025-26 दिनांक: 07.05.2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of female Namely: Unknown, D/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 24-25 years, Height: 5'0", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Black and Brown Color Suit and Black Color Salwar ID: Written "Manoj Chopal" on Left Arm in Hindi, who was found at Kachi Munak Neher near Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant Rohini, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 28-A, Dt. 01.05.2025, has been registered at P.S. K.N.K. Marg, Delhi.
Any person having any information or clue about the above deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.
Sd/- SHO
P.S. K.N.K. Marg, Delhi
Tel. No. 8750870327
DP/5747/RD/2025

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that a newborn male baby's fetus Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 20-24 Week, Sex: Male, Place of Recovery: Found at Ambedkar Basti Nala, New Delhi.
In this regard FIR No. 183/25, Dated 02.05.2025 has been registered at Police Station: R.K. Puram, Delhi.
Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.
SHO
P.S.: R.K. Puram, New Delhi
Ph.: 7737540920
DP/5687/SW/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this Person Named: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 40 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Light Green T-shirt and Black, Blue colour Lower and a wrist band with beads in it. Place of Recovery: Found unconscious condition at Gate No.1, Transport Center, Punjabi Bagh, Delhi and he sent to Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Mangolpuri, MLC No. 1361/2025, where Dr. Declared bright him dead on 17.04.2025. In this regard DD No. 81A, Dated: 17.04.2025, has been registered at P.S.: Punjabi Bagh, Delhi.
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about identity of this person but no clue has come to light so far. If any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.
SHO
P.S.: Punjabi Bagh, Delhi
DP/5719/WD/2025 Ph.: 8750871124, 8287641531

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a Male namely Vinod Kumar, S/o: Mukat Singh, R/o: Vikage Lakhnupur, Khalsa, Bah, Agra, U.P. has been missing since 17.04.2025 at about 02:00 PM Near ISBT Sarai Kale Khan, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 109A, Dated 26.04.2025, has been registered at P.S. Sunlight Colony, Delhi. The description of missing Male is as under:
Name: Vinod Kumar, Age: 48 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: White Colour Shirt and Grey Colour Pant. If anyone have any information about this missing Male please inform P.S. Sunlight Colony, Delhi.
Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 SHO
Police Station Sunlight Colony, Delhi
DP/5578/SE/2025 Ph: 011-26347482, 8750870928

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

The general public is hereby informed that a Male whose name, residence and family is unknown, whose age is about 40 years was found dead on GTK Main Road, Azadpur in front of Kuda Khatta on 02.05.2025. In this regard, an information has been lodged vide FIR No. 299/2025 at P.S Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light, so far. The description of the UIDB is as under:
Sex: Male, Age: 40 Years, Height: 5'6" ft, Complexion: Shallow, Injury: Head Fracture. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi.
SHO
PS, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi
Ph. No. 971192892
DP/5723/ON/2025

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NOTICE
National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) is undertaking CSR activities for the welfare of different sects of Indian Society. NIXI invite proposals from the Competent Agencies/Trusts/ registered societies and NGO's working for welfare of society for the financial year 2025-26 for CSR activities in following 4 (four) sectors/areas:
1. Women Empowerment.
2. Eradicating Hunger and Poverty.
3. Promoting education (vocational or non-vocational).
4. Cyber security awareness and setting up of computer labs.
The entity(applicant) shall be CSR registered. Eligible agencies may submit their proposals with the following details:
- Background profile of the company.
- Profile of the past CSR activities and their impact on society.
- Project proposals along with required functioning, beneficiaries and impact on society.
The interested parties shall submit detailed proposal citing the above details in the sealed envelopes at the following address latest by Tuesday, 20th May, 2025. CEO NIXI

National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)
B-301, 9th Floor, Tower B, World Trade Centre
Nairoji Nagar, New Delhi 110029
Contact No.- 011-48202001

PSPC Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office : PSER Head Office, The Mall, Patna-147001
CIN : U40109PB20100500232813 Website : www.pspcl.in
EVK Power (Gandwal Sahib) Limited
Regd. Office: Plot No. 10, Palgaon Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad-500003, Telangana, India CIN : U40109TG1997PLC028483
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Gurgaon Thermal Power Limited, GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, PSPCL)
HOD-CHEMISTRY, GATPL, Gandwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for the work of :
1. Tender Enquiry No. 031/GATPL/CHEM/50007255 dated 06/05/2025
"Annual O&M Contract for Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) of GVK Township and Plant"
at 2x2x70 MW Gurgaon Amardas Thermal Plant (GATPL), Gandwal Sahib, Distt.: Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications.
For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 06/05/2025 from 17:00 Hrs onwards
Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
GATPL 17/25, DPR/P. 76155/12/24/03/2023/44178

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Online
"INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)"
The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division HPPWD, Una-174303 on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the Percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in table :-
Sr. No. :- 1 Name of work :- C/o Indoor Multipurpose Sports Complex at Khandi Ground Naudan Distt Hamirpur (HP) (SH- SITG VRV/VRF System thereon). Estimated Cost. (in Rs.) :- 8,51,70,455/- Starting date of Downloading bid :- 09/05/2025 up to 11.00 A.M. Earnest Money (in Rs.) :- 11,03,409/- Cost of Form (in Rs.) :- 5,000/- Deadline for submission of bid :- 21/05/2025 up to 11.00 A.M. Time limit :- Eighteen Months Eligibility of Contractor :- Specialized Job
The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the Department website www.hptenders.gov.in. The Date of Technical bid opening 21/05/2025 at 01.30 P.M.
Executive Engineer,
Electrical Division,
HPPWD Una.
Advt No. 04636/07/05/2025 HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender No.: JHS-ENG-GH-2025-71 Dated: 06 05 2025
E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE
Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work:
Description of Work: Yard Improvement P way work in Jhansi Parauna section (8 yards) under ADE/N/HQ-1 section.
Approx Cost (Rs.): ₹ 77737130.28 **Earnest Money (Rs.):** ₹ 538700 00
Date of Closing Tender: 28.05.2025 15:00 hrs
Date of completion / period from issue acceptance letter: 12 Months
● Tender online can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs. on 28.05.2025.
● For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.irops.gov.in. 788/24(A)
North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

**RAIL COACH FACTORY,
KAPURTHALA**

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. / Due Date	Description	Qty.(Nos./ Sets)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	14251057/30.05.2025	PU Paints for LHB Coaches	1638 Set	11,42,310/-
2.	12251083/04.06.2025	Gangway Bridge Mounting	3614 Nos	3,41,080/-
3.	05251239/10.06.2025	Bearing Bracket and Lower/Upper Bush (In Assly Condition) for Schaku Semi Permanent Coupler PL No. 31980193	622 Nos	99800/-
4.	17251132/24.06.2025	Seats for LHB Non AC Chair Car Coaches (108 Seater). Seats for LHB 2nd AC Chair Car Coaches (78 Seater).	84 Sets 85 Sets	20,00,000/-
5.	17251194/30.06.2025	Set of Seat Attachment Profile for LHB Chair Car Coaches	99 Sets	3,06,940/-
6.	05251225/30.05.2025	End Construction (3 items) PL No. 30988810 PL No. 33555448 PL No. 33693729	249 Set 128 Set 45 Nos	1107870/-
7.	17251202/04.06.2025	Set of FRP Middle Panels for roof ceiling for LWSCZ Coaches	129 Set	1,33,990/-
8.	17251155/05.06.2025	Set of Seat and berth with MS Corrugated sheet suitable with SS Pillars for LHB AC2T Coach	29 Sets	5,17,410/-
9.	14251053/02.06.2025	Light Weight Body Filler for LHB Coaches	67298 Kgs	331930/-
10.	17251168/30.05.2025	1) Set of Pillar Assembly for AC3Tier (EOG) LHB Coaches 2) Set of Pillar Assembly for LHB AC 2-Tier Coaches	252 Sets 81 Sets	1302430/-
11.	17251203/10.06.2025	Set of Metallic Roof Panels for Luggage Compartment for LHB SLR HOG Coaches (31-Seater)	136 Set	139350/-
12.	01251084/03.06.2025	Set of Rubber Metal Bonded Items	3643 Set	2000000/-
13.	01251093/05.06.2025	Fixation Ball Joint	39294 Nos	159500/-
14.	01251099/04.06.2025	Set of Lever For Memu Bogies	332 Set	168040/-
15.	05251084/09.06.2025	Set of Bracket & Channel	320 Sets	82490/-
16.	05251144/03.06.2025	Set of Brackel for LHB GS Coaches	307 Sets	82530/-
17.	05251179/02.06.2025	Set of Pipe Sealing Kit	881 Sets	894040/-
18.	05251284/10.06.2025	Pillar	4820 Nos	80540/-
19.	05251253/11.06.2025	Pillar	4388 Nos	83860/-
20.	01251131/05.06.2025	Safety Wire Rope Assly	18329 Nos	112470/-
21.	05251182/10.06.2025	Axle Mounted DISC Brake System (3 Types)	2354 Set	5000000/-
22.	05251204/10.06.2025	Partition Frame	499 Set	2000000/-
23.	01251086/10.06.2025	Air Spring Assly 120KN	232 Sets	2000000/-
24.	01251087/10.06.2025	Air Spring Assly 180KN	257 Sets	2000000/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website <http://irops.gov.in>. Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. Class IIIB digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at <http://www.cce.gov.in>
2. Tenders will close at 14.25 HRS. on due date and tender will be opened at 14.30 HRS. Tenders Sr. No.1 to 11 will be open at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 12 to 24 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi.
3. For queries, contact IREPS Help desk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF help desk at 011-23378658.
Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.
PCMM
CORRIGENDUM
Bidders may please note the following changes and quote accordingly
Tender No. 17231508 Regarding: Drawing Existing Entry: Drawing is modified for P.L. No.33618537 Existing Due Date: 09.05.2025 Revised Due Date: 19.05.2025
PCMM
No. : 18-S/2025-26 Dated: 07.05.2025

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**
No 2025/RS(WT A)-149/tender/560 dated : 06.05.2025
Indigenous e-Tender No.WTA-560 opening on 29.05.2025 for procurement of Semi finished LHB Axles for FIAT-IR Bogies.
Electronic bds are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for procurement of Semi-finished LHB Axles for FIAT-IR Bog e to RCF drawing No. LW02149 all - c and IRS R- 1695 with corrigendum No.1 to 4 or latest. The interested bidders are advised to visit the website <http://irops.gov.in> for further details, downloading of the tender documents and submission of their e bids. Any further corrigendum to this tender will be uploaded on the website <http://irops.gov.in> only and not in print media.
DIRECTOR, RAILWAY STORES (M) MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)
RAIL BHAWAN, RAISANA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110061 Tel No.011-23073191 E-mail ID: dram@rb.railnet.gov.in
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 1347/2025

JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004
No : JDA/EE-TA to DE/12025-26/- Dated : 06.05.2025
Corrigendum
The last date for the submission of bids of tender notice no. EE-TA to DE-1/02/2024-25 dated 23.12.2024 for the work "Preparation of GIS based Master Development Plan-2047 for Jaipur Region" is extended to 30.05.2025 upto 6.00 PM.
For detailed clarification/amendments please refer JDA's website www.jda.raajasthan.gov.in and www.eproc.raajasthan.gov.in
U8N No.: JDA24255LSOB00433 Executive Engineer
Raj Samwadi/25/1844 TA to DE-1

**Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
National Communications Academy - Finance
NICF Campus, Ghitorni, New Delhi-110047**
Tender No.: DG (NCA-F)/S.O/2025-26/01 Dated: 08.05.2025
TENDER FOR RENTING OUT SHOPS
National Communications Academy - Finance (NCA-F), an Apex Level Central Training Institute, is in process of renting out/leasing out vacant shops, located in its campus to Individuals/Proprietors/ Registered Agencies/ Firms. Sealed tenders are invited from interested parties for setting up & running the shop(s) in the leased area. Tender form & further details can be obtained from our website www.nicf.gov.in or by sending a request through email at nicf.moc@gov.in.
The duly filled & sealed tender(s) in prescribed manner shall be addressed & sent via Registered /Speed post to "The DG, National Communications Academy - Finance, Opposite metro pillar:152, Ghitorni, New Delhi-110047" so as to reach on or before 15.05.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs.
Director, NCA-F.

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Mageshwar Dass S/o Kooja Dass R/o C-197, JJ Colony, Sec-24A, Rohini, Delhi Aged-76 Years has been reported missing since 22.04.2025 at about 7 AM from his residence vide DD No.72A Dated 25.04.2025 registered at Police Station Budh Vihar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'4", Face: Long, Built: Normal, Clothing: Blue Coloured Dhoti, White Coloured Vest and Slipper in feet.
If anyone gets any information or clue about the missing male, please contact the below mentioned :-
SHO, Budh Vihar, Delhi
Tel.: 011-27052772-73
8750870326
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Fax: 24368639
Tel.: 24368638/24368641
DP/5697/RD/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one male namely Kaushal Kumar S/o Uchit Narayan Chaudhary R/o H.No. 215, Rama Pandit Ji Ka Ghar, Rithala Gaon,

Cong hails strikes against Pak, reiterates support to Centre

Suspends All Political Programmes, To Send Out Message Of Political Unity

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Congress on Wednesday hailed the Indian armed forces for their decisive response to the terror emanating from Pakistan, and reiterated its support to the govt in the decisions it takes to avenge the Pahalgal killings.

In the wake of India's retaliatory attacks, Congress convened the meeting of its apex body — Congress Working Committee (CWC) — to send out a message of political unity and also suspended all its political programmes for the coming days.

The meeting was attended by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, Meira Kumar, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra,

KC Venugopal, Sachin Pilot, Rajiv Shukla, Anand Sharma, Randeep Surjewala, Gaurav Gogoi and Ghulam Ahmad Mir.

Kharge said, "We are proud of the Indian armed forces which have given a befitting reply by taking bold and decisive action against the terror camps of Pakistan and PoK under Operation Sindoor". We salute the courage, determination and patriotism of our brave soldiers."

"Full support to our forces, best wishes to them, much love to them, complete support from Congress and the CWC," Rahul said.

Many members suggested that the party should put on hold its political programmes, including the Samvidhan Bachao Rallies.

Stalin, Mamata, Pawar & Tipu back govt decision

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata/Chennai/Pune/Lucknow: The leaders of key IN-DIA bloc parties hailed the armed forces for the precision strikes destroying the terror infrastructure in Pakistan and POK, and backed Govt of India's decision to avenge the Pahalgal attack by taking the war against terror into the Pakistani territory.

Tamil Nadu CM and DMK supremo M K Stalin wrote in a post on X, "Tamil Nadu stands with the Indian Army against terrorism. With our Army, for our nation, Tamil Nadu stands resolute."

His West Bengal counterpart

and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee was more forthcoming in expressing support for the action. "We are together, shoulder to shoulder. We are fighting against terrorists and terrorism. There should be no division. We are all for the country and we will work with this mentality," she said. Former defence minister and NCP(SCP) leader Sharad Pawar echoed the same sentiments, as he called for keeping political differences aside at this juncture.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said his party stood firmly with the govt, but cautioned that it would be a long drawn battle with no scope for any lapses.

Avoid Plastic Save Rain Water Create Rain Water Harvesting Structure

TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CITY CORPORATION

Request for Proposal Notice No: 12/2025-26

The tenderers willing to submit tenders for **Operation & Maintenance of the Integrated Bus Terminal at Panjappur, Tiruchirappalli City Corporation** on PPP Mode for a period of **15 years**, are requested to submit tenders through E-Tendering procedure in <http://tntenders.gov.in> as well as through sealed hard copies on or before **3.00 p.m. of 11.06.2025**, which will be downloaded and opened at **04.00 p.m.** in the same day. If the date of receipt of tender happens to be holiday, then tenders will be received in the succeeding working day at the same time and venue.

Pre bid meeting in this regard will be held on **12.05.2025 at 11.00 am** at **Commissioner's Conference Hall, Corporation Main office**. Other details may be obtained in the Engineering section, Main office during office hours in working days.

Tender Conditions are available in the above said website.

Commissioner,
Tiruchirappalli City Corporation

(E1/4923/2025(Main))
DIPR/1670/TENDER/2025

NIFTET **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MANAGEMENT, KUNDLI**
(AN INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE (IN) UNDER MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES, GOVT OF INDIA)
Plot No.57, Sector-56, NSIDC Industrial Estate, Kundli-131028, Sonapat, Haryana
Website: www.niftem.ac.in, E-Mail: admission@niftem.ac.in, PHONE: 0130-228-1101

ADMISSION NOTICE 2025-26

IMPORTANT DATES	Opening	Closing
Online Application for M.Tech. Gate/Non-Gate, MBA, E-MBA & Ph.D. Programmes	22.04.2025	02.06.2025
Online Application for B.Tech. Programme	19.05.2025	*30.06.2025

*Closing date may be extended based on declaration of XII class & National Level Test results

Programmes offered at NIFTET-Kundli

- B.Tech. Four years Regular Degree Programme** in: (i) Food Technology and Management (FTM) : to be chosen.
- M.Tech. Two years Regular Degree Programme** in: (i) Marketing (ii) Finance (iii) Food & Agribusiness following streams: (i) Food Technology and Management (FTM) (ii) Food Process Engineering and Management (FPEM) (iii) Food Safety and Quality Management (FSQM) (iv) Food Supply Chain Management (FSCM) & (v) Food Plant Operations Management (FPOM)
- MBA Two years Regular Degree Programme with dual specialization:** (i) Marketing/Finance/International Business (anyone to be chosen).
- Executive MBA Two years Degree Programme with dual specialization:** (i) Marketing (ii) Finance (iii) Food & Agribusiness following streams: (i) Food Technology and Management (FTM) (ii) Food Process Engineering and Management (FPEM) (iii) Food Safety and Quality Management (FSQM) (iv) Food Supply Chain Management (FSCM) & (v) Food Plant Operations Management (FPOM)
- MBA Two years Regular Degree Programme with dual specialization:** (i) Food & Agri Business Management (Compulsory) & (ii) Environmental Sciences (AES).

How to apply: Applicants are required to apply online at <https://niftemadmission.samarth.edu.in/>. Candidates belonging to Unreserved/OBC-NCL/EWS categories are required to pay an application fee of ₹1000/- for each application and the Candidates belonging to SC/ST/PwD categories are required to pay an application fee of ₹500/- for each application. The bank or any other card charges etc. will be borne by the candidates. For eligibility and other details, applicants should refer to Admission Brochure available on NIFTET-K's website www.niftem.ac.in

CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED
(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Tamil Nadu)
(ISO 9001:2015 AND ISO 14001:2015 CERTIFIED)
METROS, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035.

E-Tender Notice

National Competitive Bidding

CMRL invites tenders through CPP e-procurement Portal from reputed, experienced, financially sound, eligible applicants, who fulfill the qualification criteria as mentioned in the bid documents through National Competitive Bidding under Single Stage Two Envelope (Technical & Financial) system for the works as detailed below:

- Tender No: CMRL/CP/TDR-42-CON/2025:-** "Construction of new Entry / Exit structure at OTA Nanganallur Road Metro Station with Plumbing, Electrical, Architectural Finishes, Signages and its Associated works for Chennai Metro Rail Limited Phase-I"
- Bid Document available from: 09/05/2025**
- Deadline for Bid submission: 05/06/2025 up-to 15:00 Hrs.**
- Tender No: CMRL/CP/TDR-47-CON/2025:-** "Construction of a Paid-to-Paid Skywalk Link Between CMRL Phase-I and Phase-II Vadapalani Stations"
- Bid Document available from: 16/05/2025**
- Deadline for Bid submission: 12/06/2025 up-to 15:00 Hrs.**

For further details, please visit : www.chennaimetrorail.org

For NIT : <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>

For Downloading Bid Documents : <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>

For Managing Director
Chief General Manager (CP&M)
Chennai Metro Rail Limited

DIPR/1989/TENDER/2025

जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, पुणे
- आधार संच वितरणबाबत जाहिरत -

माहिती व तंत्रज्ञान विभाग, मुंबई याचे कडून पुणे जिल्ह्यास आधार संच प्राप्त झाले आहेत. ग्रामीण भाग (महसूल मंडळ), नगर पालिका व शहरी भागातील महानगर पालिका येथे सद्यस्थितीमध्ये आवश्यकतेनुसार आधार केंद्र सुरू करण्याचे निर्देश शासनाकडून प्राप्त झाले आहेत. त्यानुसार जिल्ह्यातील ग्रामीण व शहरी क्षेत्रांमध्ये आधार संच वितरण करण्यात येणार आहे. या संदर्भात पात्र **"आपले सरकार सेवा केंद्र चालकांनी"** जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालयाच्या अधिकृत वेबसाईट www.pune.gov.in वर जाऊन अर्जाचा नमुना, पात्रतेचे निकष, ग्रामीण भाग (महसूल मंडळ), नगर पालिका व महानगरपालिका क्षेत्रनिहाय प्रस्तावित आधार केंद्राबाबतची माहिती तसेच इतर आवश्यक माहिती डाऊनलोड करून घ्यावी. इच्छुक आपले सरकार सेवा केंद्र चालकांनी अर्ज व आवश्यक कागदपत्रे दिनांक ०९/०५/२०२५ ते २३/०५/२०२५ वा. पर्यंत सकाळी ११:०० वाजल्या पासून ते संध्याकाळी ५:३० वाजेपर्यंत (शासकीय सुट्टीचे दिवस वगळून)

जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय (संजय गांधी योजना शाखा)
'अ' विंग, ४ था मजला, डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर मार्ग, पुणे-४११००९

येथे प्रत्यक्ष सादर करावेत. सदर अर्ज भरण्याकरिता कोणतेही शुल्क आकारले जाणार नाही, याची नोंद घ्यावी.

सही/ (पल्लवी घाटे)
उपजिल्हाधिकारी, भूसंपादन क ४ तथा
आधार नोडल अधिकारी,
जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, पुणे

जीजीआयपीआर २०२५-२६/२८
क्र जि का इंगो/आधार/कावि/३४१२०२५

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT
(Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India)

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Applications are invited for filling up following post in National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Southern Campus, Andhra Pradesh on Deputation (ISTC) basis:

Sno.	Name of the post	No. of posts	Pay Level
1.	Accounts Officer	1	10

The details for the above post and prescribed format of application are available at <https://nidm.gov.in>. The last date for application is **07.06.2025**.

Executive Director, NIDM
CBC 19107/11/0004/2526

No. 2/6/2025-BM-IVCP (CFN: 3742176)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
Department of Border Management
(BM-II Division)

Appointment of Member (Planning & Development) in the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)

Applications are invited by the Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India to fill up the post of Member (Planning & Development) of the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI), under the Land Ports Authority of India Act, 2010 (31 of 2010).

- The details and other terms & conditions are available on the web-site of the Ministry of Home Affairs at <http://mha.gov.in> and <http://lpa.gov.in>
- Last date for receiving applications is 17th June, 2025 (applications received after this date will not be considered).
- Address for sending applications is as below:
Shri Ajay Kumar Sah,
Under Secretary (ICP), Room No. 20,
2nd Floor, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium,
Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi-110001. E-mail - aksah.sah@nic.in

cbc 19142/11/0004/2526

JHARKHAND POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION LIMITED
(An undertaking of Jharkhand Govt.)
Line Tank Road, Ranchi-834001 ■ 0651-2214712, Fax:0651-2202400
(CIN: U45200JH2002SGC012154)

Ref No. :- Estd./299/52 Date: 07-05-2025
RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF ENGINEER (CIVIL)

Sealed applications are invited for the post of Chief Engineer (Civil) as per the details given below:-

- Basis of appointment : On Contract/Deputation from State Govt./ Central Govt./ PSU.
- No. of Vacancy : 01
- Category : UR

The detailed information as to qualifications, experience etc can be viewed on official website www.jphcl.jhpolice.gov.in. Interested candidates meeting above requirements may submit their application through email /Hard Copy and BIODATA in A-4 size paper along with self attested photocopies of relevant testimonials and recent Passport Size Photographs to the "Managing Director, Jharkhand Police Housing Corporation Limited, House no -399/B, Ashok Nagar, Road no-4C, Ashok Nagar, Ranchi-834002" latest by 15.05.2025 by registered/ speed post. Those Candidates who are not able to submit hard copy by the last date should mandatorily submit their application through email in the given time period and subsequently should deliver hard copy within 04 days time.

Sd/- Manager (Personnel)

Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB)
Plot No. R-7, Market Yard, Gultekadi, Pune - 411037
Phone: 020-24528100/24528200
Website: www.msamb.com, Email: export@msamb.com

E-Tender Notice

MSAMB with support from MAGNET Project has developed Fruit and Vegetable Handling Facility, at Baramati, Dist. Pune. E-tenders are being invited for the Selection of Agency to Operate, Maintain & Manage the said facility. The eTender document with detailed guidelines is available on the website <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. The last date for submission of the eTender is 22/5/2025. Amendments/modification/date extension to the tender document will be uploaded on <http://mahatenders.gov.in> only.

Managing Director

Maharshi Devraha Baba Autonomous State Medical College, Deoria-274001
Website: mdbm.ac.in Tel.No-05568297433
Email- mdbm2021@gmail.com

Letter No.-M.C.D./Advertisement/2025-26/1138 Dated 06.05.2025

GEM BID NOTICE

Tenders through bid (Technical/Financial bids Separately) are invited through the Gem Portal for Tissue embedding station (Q3), Automated slide stainer (Q3), Automated tissue processor (Q3), Cryostat Microtome (Q3) in Maharshi Devraha Baba Autonomous State Medical College, Deoria on the basis of specifications approved by the Government.

In order to enable maximum number of suppliers organisations to participate in the said bid, a proposal for publishing the Gem Tender Notice is as follows:-

Sl. No.	Description	Earnest money
1	Bid No.GEM/2025/B/6158991 dated 01.05.2025 for Tissue embedding station (Q3)	16500.00
2	Bid No.GEM/2025/B/6158883 dated 01.05.2025 for Automated slide stainer (Q3)	20500.00
3	Bid No.GEM/2025/B/6158800 dated 01.05.2025 for Automated tissue processor (Q3)	40500.00
4	Bid No.GEM/2025/B/6159236 dated 01.05.2025 for Cryostat Microtome (Q3)	21500.00

Note-

- For the aforesaid BID, the BID documents under two bid system (Two bids) can be uploaded on the Gem Portal www.gem.gov.in upto 16:30 hrs. on 22.05.2025.
- The details mentioned in the bid document will be considered as part of tender notice and the undersigned reserves the right to cancel/ amend the bid without assigning any reason.

Principal

STRENGTHENED SUPPLY OF SCIENTIFIC DEVICE FOR QUALITY ASSESSMENT OF FOODGRAINS
FCI invites EOI for supply of scientific device for quality assessment of foodgrains. Interested firms/organizations are requested to come forward to take part in EOI. The last date to submit EOI is 31.05.2025. The detail is available at FCI website: <https://fci.gov.in/tender-details/VTJGc2RHVmlYMSIKU3ZnREJUNaTR4b0ZYTVZCZ3R3NHdkaFNRUjVhdWl3RTO%3D>

General Manager (QC)
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NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY
Divisional Engineer/Mechanical Workshop for Chief Workshop Manager, N.E. Railway, Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur: for and on behalf of President of India invites open tenders through on line (E-Tendering) for the following work:
S No.1:- E-Tender Notice No. & Name of the work: DEN-MWS-2025-04 "GKPS-Replacement of MG Track in Old Plant Shop from Line No.1 to 5 by 52 kg BG Rail. Estimated cost (in Rs.): ₹2,80,31,348.07, Earnest Money (in Rs.): ₹2,90,200.00, Tender submission last date & Time:- 10.06.2025 at 11.00 hrs
The details of above tender are also available on Indian Railway website www.irps.gov.in
Divisional Engineer/MWS, CPRO/Mech-18 Gorakhpur
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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
Open E-Tender Notice
E-Open Tenders are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work: [A] Sl. No.: [1]. Tender No.: Mfg_009_Torquing_2025. Name of Work: Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Commissioning of wireless error proof torquing system as per industry 4.0 as per Technical Specification No Mfg./009/Torquing/2025 with 3-year post warranty AMC. Tender Value (Rupees): ₹1,59,48,434.00. Cost of Tender Document (Rupees): Nil. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees): ₹2,29,800.00. Period of Completion: 60 days. Date of Closing: 20-05-2025 at 15:00 hrs. [B] Sl. No.: [1]. Tender No.: Mfg_009_Size-verification. Name of Work: Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Commissioning, prove out of Computerized Axle Journal & Seat, Wheel ID and Bearing ID-OD size verification & integrated data recording System along with essential spare as per Technical Specification No. Mfg./009/Size verification/2025 with 3-year post warranty CAMC. Tender Value (Rupees): ₹2,39,43,174.00. Cost of Tender Document (Rupees): Nil. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees): ₹2,69,700.00. Period of Completion: 60 days. Date of Closing: 16-05-2025 at 15:00 hrs. NOTE (for both A & B): (i) Complete details can be seen in the Railway website www.irps.gov.in. (ii) Tender Calling Authority: Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer / Plant, CLW, CRJ (iii) Contact No.: 0341-2525566 (iv) Email Id: dcymecplantclw@yahoo.com PR1/025 AW/Mfg-1/CLW/CRL
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HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
The Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division Sunder Nagar (HP) on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works detailed in the table.

Sr. No. :- 1 Name of Work :- Improvement and widening of Slapper Taltapani road km 0/0 to 68/00 (SH- ROFD, M/T R/wall, B/wall, C.D works, Metal beam crash barrier, Road marking, Road Furniture and Dumping site etc. for intermediate lane (portion km 20/500 to 31/300) actual Length 32/385 under CRF Job No. CRF-HP-2017-18-143). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) :- 454636899
Starting date for downloading Bid :- 09.05.2025 Earnest Money :- 9093000 Deadline for submission of Bid. 24.05.2025 (10:00 AM)

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer, Sunder Nagar Division, HPPWD Sunder Nagar-175018
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh
HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK
Adv.No. -0470/07/05/2025

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Inviting of E-Tender Notice
मंडल रेल प्रबंधक, इजीनियरिंग, उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिये एवं उनकी ओर से ई-निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलित नियमों के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित प्राज्ञों में निविदा निम्न कार्यों के लिए क्रमानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है- ई- निविदा सूचना सं. 2025-26 :- 15of 2025-26 कार्य का नाम व स्थान Improvement & renovation of existing building & extension of parking area at Railway Hospital Jodhpur. अनुमानित लागत रुपये : 1,46,75,811.85 बयाने की राशि रुपये : 2,23,400.00 ई- निविदा सूचना सं. 2025-26 :- 16of 2025-26 कार्य का नाम व स्थान Construction of new OPD wing at Railway Hospital Jodhpur under ADENHQ अनुमानित लागत रुपये 2,70,76,824.89 बयाने की राशि रुपये 2,85,400.00 निविदा सूचना संख्या 15.16 & 17 of 2025-26 निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 23.05.2025 को 15.00 बजे तक है। वेबसाईट का विवरण जहाँ पर ई-निविदा देखी व भरी जा सकती है- www.irps.gov.in

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Government of Odisha Information & Public Relations Department Loka Sampark Bhawan, Bhubaneswar Corrigendum Notice

File No. PT1-IPR-IMU-0003-2024 7837 / I&PR, dated: 07.05.2025

A few modifications are incorporated in the RFP No-6856 Dt-17.04.2025 published by I&PR Department on Dt.-18.04.2025 in The Samaj, The Sambad, The Times of India and The Hindu.

a. The last date for receipt of sealed proposals is dt. 09.05.2025 by 05.00 P.M. instead of the previously notified date i.e. 08.05.2025.

The intending bidders may visit <https://inpr.odisha.gov.in> for the other details at Annexure-A.

Sd/-
Director, I&PR
OIPR-15001/11/0642/25-26

G-15 DIRECTORATE OF MINES & GEOLOGY STEEL AND MINES DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR
Heads of Department Building, Unit-V, Pin-751001
Tel No.: 0674-2391537, Fax No.: 0674-2391684
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Notice for Bid Submission 08.05.2025

- This is with reference to the "Invitation of Bids for Grant of Mining Lease for Iron Ore & Manganese Mineral" dated March 07, 2025 issued by the Government of Odisha.
- The following timetable shall apply to in respect of the date on which the Technical Bid and the initial price offer is required to be submitted, and opening of the Technical Bids:

S. No.	Event Description	Estimated Date
1.	Bid Due Date (Technical + initial price offer) [on or before 17:00 hours (IST)]	Tuesday, May 13, 2025
2.	Opening of Technical bids at 11:00 hours (IST)	Wednesday, May 14, 2025

- The Technical Bid and the Initial price offer must be submitted electronically in accordance with the Tender Document dated March 07, 2025 issued by the Government of Odisha. The duly executed original physical copy of the Technical Bid must be hand delivered to the Joint Director or the Designated Officer of Government of Odisha for this specific purpose on the address specified below so that they are received on or prior to the Bid Due Date, failing which the Technical Bid shall be deemed to be not received:
Director of Mines & Geology, Office of Directorate of Mines & Geology, Heads of Department Building Location-Unit - V, Bhubaneswar, Odisha - 751001

It is clarified that only the Technical Bid is required to be submitted physically, and the Bidders must not submit the initial price offer physically. In case the Bidder submits the initial price offer physically, the Technical Bid and the initial price offer will be summarily rejected.

Bidders are strongly advised **not to wait until the last moment** to complete the submission process, in order to avoid any unforeseen technical issues or delays. Bidders shall be responsible for any problem at the bidder's end like failure of electricity, loss of Internet connection, any trouble with bidder's computer etc. which may cause inconvenience or prevent the bidder from bidding in e-auction.

Sd/- Director of Mines & Geology, Odisha
OIPR-30028/11/0013/25-26

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (BUILDING) PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NIRAMAM BHAWAN, Plot No. 27-28, Arera Hills, BHOPAL
PHONE No. 0755-2559571 E-mail:-apdipiubhopal@gmail.com

NIT No. 12/2025/Tender/G/CE(B)/ BHOPAL DATE : 01/05/2025

Online bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria:

S. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	District	Probable Amount Contract (Rs. in lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion (in months) i/c Rainy Season
1	2025_PWPIU_420414	CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH 30 BEDDED CENTER 2 NOS F TYPE 02 NOS G TYPE 02 NOS H TYPE QTR AT TALEN BLOCK NARSINGHGARH DISTT RAJGARH MP	RAJGARH	874.80	874800	20000	15 months i/c Rainy Season

- All details relating to the Bid Document (s) can be viewed and downloaded free of cost from the website, <http://mptenders.gov.in>
- Bid Document (s) can be purchased after making online payment of portal fees through Credit/Debit/Cash Card/Internet Banking.
- The Bid Document (s) can be purchased only online from 10:30 (time) 01.05.2025 (date) to 17:30 (time) 16.05.2025 (date). Other key dates may be seen in Bid Data Sheet.
- Amendment (s) to NIT, if any, shall be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

Sd/-
CHIEF ENGINEER (BUILDING) PWD BHOPAL M.P.
G-12504/25

बिहार सरकार
अख्यत निर्यात विभाग
कार्यालय अभियंता, संरचना प्रमण्डल सं०-१, पटना का कार्यालय

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1	Comprehensive Housekeeping, Operation & Maintenance of Newly constructed Bapu Tower at Gardaniabagh, Patna	रु० 40,37,58,528.00 (रुपये चालीस करोड़ सैंतीस लाख अठ्ठावन हजार पाँच सौ छब्बीस) मात्र	रु० 50,38,000.00 (रुपये पचास लाख अठ्ठावन हजार) मात्र	10,000.00 (अक्षत्यपूर्ण)	5,900.00 (औन लाख मुताबिक)	60 माह

- विभाग/पदाता का पदनाम एवं पता
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- निविदा कागजात प्राप्त करने (डाउनलोड करने)
- की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय
- निविदा जमा करने (अपलोड करने) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय
- तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय
- वित्तीय बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय
- टी-बिड निविदा की तिथि एवं स्थल
- निविदा वेबसाईट की अवधि
- निविदा स्वीकृत करनेवाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम एवं पता : चक्षम पदाधिकारी
- परिमाणु विवरण की बिक्री का स्थान

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दिनांक 05-05-2025
दिनांक 13.05.2025 से दिनांक 03.06.2025 तक
दिनांक 04.06.2025 को 15:00 बजे तक
दिनांक 05.06.2025 को 15:30 बजे।
तकनीकी बिड निष्पादन के पश्चात्।
दिनांक 22.06.2025 को 11:30 बजे (सुख्य अभियांता, पटना उपभाग, भवन निर्माण विभाग, पटना का कार्यालय)
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Office of Chief General Manager, Construction Wing, UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL Sansadhan Vikas Evam Nirman Nigam
A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking) 3rd floor (Vishveshvariyi Bhawan) (Opp. ONGC Hospital), Kamla Nagar, Dehradun-248001
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E-TENDER NOTICE

Government of Uttarakhand "B" procurement Notice

S. No.	Name of Works	Estimated Cost	Period of Completion
Bid Identification no:- 1750/Nivida (Garhwal) Khel D.Dun/61 Dated: 06-05-2025			
1	Miscellaneous Work of 06 Lane Athletic Track 200m (Natural Grass) & Infield Ground At Ganeshpur Kelakhera Distt, Udhamasingh Nagar	Rs.565.50 Lacs (Excluding G.S.T)	12 Months

- Name and Address of Officer Inviting the Bid :- Chief General Manager, Construction Wing, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Third Floor (Opposite ONGC Hospital), Kamla Nagar, Dehradun
- Date and Time of Availability of bid documents in the portal :- 08/05/2025 - 17.00 Hrs.
- Pre Bid Meeting Date :- 13/05/2025 - 12.00 Hrs.
- Last Date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal :- 22/05/2025 - 17.00 Hrs.

Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "<https://www.uktenders.gov.in/>"

Muslim clerics, netas back op against Pak terror infra

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jaipur/Lucknow/Nagpur/Hyderabad: Prominent Muslim religious and political figures voiced steadfast support for India's military action to decimate the terror camps inside Pakistan. Some of them also underscored the need to maintain unity and communal harmony, while displaying solidarity with the fight against terror.

Syed Sarwar Chishty, secretary of Anjuman — the managing body of clerics at the Ajmer Sharif dargah — said: "Sufi shrines across the country have always stood with our beloved motherland, India, in every situation."

Muslim clerics in UP hailed the precision strikes on the terror hideouts. Maulana Khalid Rashid Firangi Mahali, a senior executive member of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board and head of the Islamic Centre of India, described Operation Sindoor as a necessary and commendable action. "After the brutal killing of 26 innocent people in Pahalgam on April 22, the entire na-

tion was waiting for such a decisive action. This will certainly weaken the morale of the terrorists," he said.

All India Shia Personal Law Board general secretary Maulana Yasooq Abbas congratulated PM Narendra Modi and defence Minister Rajnath Singh "for taking this bold decision". In Bareilly, All India Muslim Jamaat president Mufti Shahabuddin Razvi said the operation sent a strong message globally that "India will go to any extent to protect its citizens and borders". Jamaat-e-Islami Hind (JIH) said terrorism was a heinous crime against humanity and its eradication was essential for safety, security and peace in India.

AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi was among the most prominent Muslim political leaders to welcome Operation Sindoor. He posted a video on X in which he raised the slogan, "Pakistan Murdabad, Bharat Zindabad".

After the Pahalgam massacre, Owaisi had called for an effective retaliation to the "cowardly attack".

'My sindoor was wiped off by terror, wish no other woman's is'

Pahalgam Victims' Wives 'Grateful', Some Feel 'It Is Just The Beginning'

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Jennifer, who woke up at 6am to news of Operation Sindoor, recalled the "rage" she saw on the face of a soldier her son's age when he reached out to her moments after the April 22 massacre. "His face mirrored the determination that our armed forces have shown. Besides justice, I feel a sense of pride. India acted at the right time, and should now push ahead to completely eliminate terrorism," she said.

Bengal native Sohni Adhikari (37), the wife of slain Florida-based techie Bitan Adhikari, said her first thought on hearing about the airstrikes on terrorist targets in Pakistan was that the "nation has avenged my husband's death".

"I am sure he (Bitan) is watching from above. He can now rest in peace. My sindoor was wiped off by terror. I wish no other woman's sindoor is removed like mine. I always had faith in the govt, and I'm grateful for this action."

Kolkata resident Sabari Guha (51), who lost her statistician husband Samir in the terrorist attack, sees India's response as "just the beginning".

"I am indebted to the armed forces. The mission to eradicate cross-border terror must go

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on. Only when all terrorists are eliminated will complete justice be done. My country should and will remain safe for all," she said.

Kamakshi, whose Bengaluru-based software engineer husband Somisetty Madhusudhan Rao was among the victims, said she was "in no state to follow the news" until she was told of the operation. "All of us who lost family members should thank PM Modi for avenging their deaths. I pray that a terrorist at-

tack of the kind that shattered our lives doesn't happen on Indian soil again," the mother of two teenagers said from her home in Andhra Pradesh's Kavali.

Dombivli resident Atul Mone's widow Anushka and the couple's daughter Rucha said they had been "waiting to hear" about India's response to the terrorist attack that changed their lives forever. "This will bring peace to the souls of all 26 people who were killed in Pahalgam," Anushka said. "I personally felt

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SABARI GUHA

a sense of relief that the perpetrators won't go scot-free."

In Odisha's Balasore, victim Prasant Satpathy's wife Priyadarshini Acharya said she always knew that "the govt will take revenge for what the terrorists did" and had been "anxiously waiting for this moment".

"This is a befitting reply. Let terrorists, not the common man, feel threatened. Citizens should feel their lives are valued. The govt has done exactly what it should have. It's a new beginning."

Gujarat native Kajal Parmar, whose husband Yatish Parmar and their 17-year-old son Smit were killed in the carnage, pleaded with PM Modi to keep the offensive against terrorists in Pakistan going until they were "annihilated". "We salute the armed forces and urge the govt to be unsparing against Pakistan, this is my prayer to Modi saheb," she said at Bhavnagar.

In Surat, banker Shailesh Kalthiya's wife Sheetal allowed herself a smile as she spoke of the govt and the armed forces "bringing to justice those who shot my husband and others in the name of religion".

HAL on high alert for IAF fighter fleet care

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Bengaluru: Amid need for foolproof preparedness following India's Op Sindoor, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), responsible for maintaining IAF's fighter planes, has been put on a high alert, entailing compulsory overtime for staff at the base or outside. Engineers and technicians have been told to be "ready" to leave at short notices for repair work.

"Our staff critical for maintenance have been told to be prepared for any requirement and some have been asked to volunteer in case there's a requirement for travel. We've already started an additional shift between 7pm and 11pm; and if needed, we are prepared to work round the clock," an HAL source said.

HAL is the fourth line of service for commissioned fighter planes, including repair of engines, avionics, and other major control systems. The first two lines of service are at the squadron level. The third line of service, requiring a slightly higher degree of repair work, is available at various base repair depots (BRDs). A retired IAF officer said that during peacetime, aircraft needing the fourth or fifth line of service are sent to HAL as there's time to get them back. But in emergency situations, IAF does not have such luxury. And therefore, it is general practice to have back-up staff on their toes.

HAL handles the Su-30 and the MiG fleets in Nasik, while all European platforms of fixed wing fighters (Mirage & Jaguar) are handled in Bengaluru. All the choppers are repaired at Helicopter complex in Bengaluru. "But during emergencies, aircraft cannot be brought here, so we must be ready to go," an HAL official in Bengaluru said.

During the Kargil conflict in 1999, a retired HAL employee had told TOI earlier, technicians had "continuously worked for over two months". While a similar alert was put in place in 2016 when India conducted a surgical strike on Pakistan, it didn't last as long as the one during Kargil.

Cops deny social media claims of Amritsar blasts

Amid India-Pakistan tension, sounds of loud blasts were heard in Amritsar after midnight. However, there was no confirmation of any explosion in the holy city from the police. Electricity was cut off in Amritsar, various parts of Kathunangal and Majitha too, but police personnel attributed the power cuts to a blackout drill.

Amritsar deputy commissioner Sakshi Sawhney said: "We are observing precaution. There is no need to panic." There were some reports of blast-like sounds from Dasua Ghanieke Bangar and Kartarpur. "We checked and there were no incidents in Amritsar," commissioner of police Gurpreet Bhullar. However, there was panic on social media, where unconfirmed posts on blasts were doing the rounds.

Control rooms set up across Valley's 10 dists

Srinagar: Authorities in Srinagar have set up central control rooms across Kashmir to monitor developments in the wake of missile strikes by India on nine terror infrastructure sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK).

"In view of the prevailing situation, a Joint Control Room is established at the District Emergency Operation Centre, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar under the overall supervision of District Disaster Management Authority, Srinagar," the local district magistrate said in an order. Similar control rooms have been set up across 10 districts of Kashmir. The DM said the control room will operate round-the-clock and will serve as a centralised hub to facilitate interdepartmental coordination, monitor ongoing developments & ensure timely dissemination of information.

Meanwhile, J&K govt has asked all administrative secretaries and heads of departments not to sanction employees any leave except under exceptional circumstances.

Be on alert, secure vulnerable points: Shah to border states

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New Delhi: Home minister Amit Shah on Wednesday asked states and Union Territories bordering Pakistan and Nepal to be on high alert and bolster security at all vulnerable points, particularly vital installations, to beat any exigency including armed retaliation by Pakistan.

At a security review held via video-conferencing with lieutenant governors and chief ministers of border states/UTs like J&K, Ladakh, UP, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat and West Bengal and a representative of Sikkim govt — where the home secretary, Intelligence Bureau chief and DGs of Border Security Force (BSF) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) were also present — Shah called for seamless coordination among the local administration, armed forces and the central paramilitary forces.

Shah's exhortation followed an assessment by the security establishment that Pakistan, hamstrung by India's decision to focus the precision strikes exclusively on terror camps while ensuring that no civilian and military targets were hit, could target crucial installations. "We don't run terror camps... our installations such as dams, refineries, power plants, particularly those on the western border, could be targeted," a source said.

Many of these installations are protected by CISF, which has already reviewed and upgraded their security plan. Shah asked the LGs/ chief ministers to keep the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), civil defence, Home Guards, NCC etc on standby to deal with any situation. He said efforts should be made to ensure public participation in Wednesday's mock drill through citizens and non-government organisations.



The home minister asked states and UTs to keep a strict vigil on anti-national propaganda on social and other media platforms

Shah asked states/UTs to keep strict vigil on anti-national propaganda by unwanted elements on social and other media platforms and sought prompt action against them in coordination with central agencies. He said every effort should be made to maintain seamless communication and strengthen security of vulnerable points. Shah cautioned states and UTs to make sure there was no fear-mongering among the public and that rumours were kept in check by timely dissemination of information and spreading awareness.

Meanwhile, Pakistani forces on Wednesday resorted to heavy shelling in sectors like Poonch and Uri, which was strongly retaliated by Indian forces. There are reports of casualties on both sides, though an official confirmation is awaited. Sources in BSF, which guards the international border and parts of the LoC in J&K with the Army, said the leaves of BSF personnel deployed on the western border has been cancelled. "As the personnel rejoin duty on the IB/LoC, the force deployment levels will be enhanced by almost 25%. All our resources, including surveillance equipment, have been pulled together and deployed across J&K, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat borders," an officer told TOI.

Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the work
04 / 2025-28	SE / C / PCC	Manufacture and supply of 27600 Nos. of 9.0m (300kg WL) PSC poles at Sholavhanan PSC Yard

For details of work / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit the websites, www.tnpdcl.org, www.tenders.in.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in
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For application format & details kindly visit the company website : www.bspchl.co.in

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(A Government of Bihar Undertaking)
Phone- 0612-2281857, e-mail- csbeltron@bihar.gov.in
e-Tender Notice

RFP No.- BSEDC/2713/2025

e-Tenders are invited by Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. for "Selection of System Integrator for Augmentation of Backup Media and Associated Licenses for CFMS 2.0 Project". The details are available on BSEDC website: <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> Last date of bid submission is 27.05.2024 till 03:00 PM.

This information is available on www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also

PR. No. 002771 (B&C) 25-26 Managing Director
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Maharashtra Institution for Transformation (MITRA),
Planning Department, Government of Maharashtra,
5th Floor, Nirmal Building, Near CR-2 Mall, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021.

EARLY MARKET ENGAGEMENT NOTICE

Joint Chief Executive Officer (Jt. CEO), Maharashtra Institution for Transformation (MITRA), Planning Department, Government of Maharashtra, 5th Floor, Nirmal Building, Near CR-2 Mall, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021, invites bidders for Early Market Engagement for Civil Works for Urban Flood Management in Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (KMC) Area and Sangli, Miraj & Kupwad Municipal Corporation (SMKMC) Area under Maharashtra Resilience Development Project (MRDP).

Name of the Work: Civil Works for Urban Flood Management in Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (KMC) Area and Sangli, Miraj & Kupwad Municipal Corporation (SMKMC) Area under Maharashtra Resilience Development Project (MRDP).

Date: 13th May 2025
Time: 11:00 AM
Venue: MITRA Office, Nirmal Building, Nariman Point, Mumbai OR Online
Meeting Link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting-Y2U5ZWl4NjA1NDk1MjQ0MDY5LWl0eW9wQm92RjZlYTVkZGly%40thread.v2?context=ext%7b%22Title%22%3a%22bdc5b36-ncaa-4c61-a7dd-008c747b00%22%2c%22OwnerId%22%3a%22b0c061261-c31a-4638-a89d-3f9912567c25%22%7d>
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Rural Development Department, Government of Bihar

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Office Floor, Vidyut Bhawan - II, Bailey Road, Patna- 800 021, Ph. +91-612-250 4960, Fax +91-612-250 4960, Website www.brlps.in

Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (Eoi) For Selection of Partner as Project Implementing Agency (PIA) under Deek Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) 2.0

- BRPLS (JEEVIKA) invites proposals from registered Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) holding a valid PRN No. under the new guidelines of DDU-GKY 2.0 for the implementation of DDU-GKY 2.0 projects in the state. These projects aim to provide skill training and ensure placement along with support in self-employment for rural poor youths.
- Interested agencies are requested to submit their proposals online through the portal: <https://kaushal.rural.gov.in> along with a non-refundable application fee of ₹25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand Only).

S.N.	Name of Assignment	Expression of Interest (Eoi) to Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) under DDU-GKY 2.0
01	Date of Publication on BRPLS website at www.brlps.in/procurement/tender	07-05-2025
02	Last date of submission of proposal through the portal: https://kaushal.rural.gov.in	30-05-2025
03	Phone number and Email	Contact: Gyanesh Singh, Project Manager Jobs, Phone: 9334300428 E-Mail: pm.jobs@brpls.in

For further details please visit website state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
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CEO cum State Mission Director
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GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

S.W.M.C.No.A7/1971/2025 **E-Tender Notice**
E-Tender is invited by Superintending Engineer (SWM) in Solid Waste Management Department

Description	Estimate cost	Estimate cost
Engagement of Project Management Consultant for Implementation and Monitoring of Waste Management for Projects for two years	Rs.7.93 Crores	Rs.7.93 lakhs

Tender submission online last date : 27.05.2025 at 3.00 pm
Tender opening date : 28.05.2025 at 4.00 pm

Tenderer can view and download the details of E-Tender from website <http://tntenders.gov.in> and may participate in tender EMD Amount should be pay online payment through E-tender portal details given in Tender Document
DIPR / 1957 / Tender / 2025 **Superintending Engineer (SWM)**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT,
DIRECTORATE OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, Chennai-26. Tel: 044-29864447

Notice for Inviting Tender (NIT) (Ref.No. 9365-1/2025/P1, Date: 06.05.2025)

- Tenders are invited from the eligible bidders for 17 numbers of infrastructural works in 1 Corporation and 15 Municipalities in Tamilnadu, under Kalaignar Nagarura Mampatu, Thirum (K&M/T) 2025-26
- The minimum value of single package is Rs.1075.00 lakhs and the maximum value is Rs.6945.00 lakhs.
- The details of tender can be obtained from web portal: <https://tntenders.gov.in>
- The tender document can be downloaded from 12.05.2025 to 12.06.2025 from the e-tendering Website <https://tntenders.gov.in>
- Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 28.05.2025 at 11.00 A.M in the concerned Corporation/Municipal office.
- The last date for downloading the tender document and the last date for uploading/submission of filled up tender is up to 3.00 PM on 12.06.2025.
- The tenders will be opened through online at 3.30 P.M on 12.06.2025 at the office of concerned Corporation/Municipalities
- The value of each work, the details of Earnest Money Deposit and the eligibility of bidders can be had from tender document.

DIPR/1953/Tender/2025 **Director of Municipal Administration, Chennai-28.**

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Muzaffarpur Municipal Corporation, Muzaffarpur.
Website : <https://mymmc.org>, E-mail ID-muzaffarpur.ulb@gmail.com,
mmc-muz-bih@nic.in, Control Room- 1800 345 1061, 7870031117
e-TENDER NIT NO: 01/ SAN/LEGACY/MMC/2025-26
(Through e-procurement mode on <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/>)

Notice for Inviting Tender

Muzaffarpur Municipal Corporation invites online "Request for Proposal for Legacy Waste Remediation Services for dumpsite located at Rautiniya near Muzaffarpur". Details of schedule for the bid are given below: -

Sl. No.	Activity	Timeline & Address
1	Issue of Tender Document	05/05/2025
2	Start and End Date of Bid Submission	13/05/2025 at 10:30 AM to 30/05/2025 04:00 PM
3	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	20/05/2025, 3.00 PM
4	Pre-bid Venue	Hybrid Mode/Office of Muzaffarpur Municipal Corporation
5	Last date and time of submission of hard copy of receipt of e-payment of EMD or Bank Guarantee (in original)	02/06/2025 Till 04.00 PM Office of Municipal Commissioner, Muzaffarpur Municipal Corporation, Muzaffarpur
6	Opening of Technical Bids:	02/06/2025 at 04:00 PM
7	Cost of Bidding Document (Tender Fee)	Tender Fee Rs 10,000 (Non Refundable) to be paid through online at (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
8	EMD	Rs 6,10,000 (Six Lakh Ten Thousand only) (Refundable) to be paid through online at website https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/ or in case of Bank Guarantee (BG), EMD should be payable in name of Municipal Commissioner, Muzaffarpur Municipal Corporation, payable at Muzaffarpur.

RFP document/ bid document shall be available on website: <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> and www.mymmc.org For Queries & Clarifications, send e-mail to: muzaffarpur.ulb@gmail.com
For further details please visit website state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
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A thought for today
We are going to have peace even
if we have to fight for it
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9 Strikes, 1 Message

In planning & execution, Op Sindoor was flawless. It's also a warning to those in Pak considering escalation

When India struck terrorist camps across LoC in Sept 2016, to avenge Uri, the world was surprised. Same after Balakot. Op Sindoor takes payback for terrorism to another level. The rubble of JeM's Markaz Subhan Allah HQ in Bahawalpur bears the eloquent imprint of Indian resolve. Eight other terrorist camps located 9-30km inside Pakistan-controlled territory also lie pulverised. That this havoc was wrought in a span of 25 minutes yesterday shows how India's resolve to punish terrorists and their masters has hardened, and its capabilities have matured, under Modi.

If the scale of India's retaliation for Pahalgam is unprecedented, its planning and execution are flawless. After the massacre of 26 tourists in Pahalgam on April 22, calls for a swift Balakot-like response were growing, but gov resisted the pressure, giving the military time and a "free hand" to plan an operation. Meanwhile, it turned the screws on Pakistan by other means, like suspending cross-border trade and the Indus Waters Treaty.

Operational secrecy was maintained so well that the missiles, when they hit home, literally caught everyone napping. JeM chief Maulana Masood Azhar has acknowledged that some of his close aides were killed in the strike on his Markaz in Bahawalpur. But the significance of these strikes goes beyond the body count. An attack deep inside Pakistan's Punjab province should make it clear that, when it comes to pursuing terrorists, no place is off-limits anymore. As Modi promised after Pahalgam, they will be pursued "to the ends of the earth".

At the same time, Op Sindoor is a highly measured action. Great care was taken not to hit military or civilian sites. India has emphasised that it struck terror camps in the light of credible warnings of more Pahalgam-like attacks. The intent is "non-escalatory", but it's up to Pakistan now to ensure things don't get out of hand. India does not harbour terrorists, and if Pakistan attacks Indian military or civilian targets, the responsibility for what happens afterwards is on it. So, if Pakistan's blustering army chief Asim Munir wants a face-saver, he should factor in a hard Indian response. And he shouldn't count on 'Iron brother' China, which, in a careful statement, has merely termed India's action "regrettable", and urged "both sides to act in the larger interest of peace and stability".

If Munir and others in Pakistan are wondering who – India or they – has the bigger stomach for a fight, they should look at their stock market, which tanked on Wednesday, while India's held its nerve. That's a huge change from 2016, when the Sensex plunged 465 points on news of India's surgical strikes. This new India is confident and ever ready to pay back in a bigger coin.

No Good Options For Pak To Hit Back

The strikes are a body blow for Pak military-ISI-terror nexus & the world now sympathises with India

Tilak Devasher

The significance of Operation Sindoor in terms of damage to terror infra in PoJK and Pakistan cannot be overstated. The targeted terror bases – which were carefully selected based on high quality intelligence – have been thoroughly damaged, especially the headquarters of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) at Bahawalpur and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) at Muridke.

This, however, is only the opening salvo. It now depends on Pakistan. If, as expected, it retaliates, then there could be an escalation from India. Islamabad's dilemma is that there are no good options for it there.

There are no terrorist targets in India, so what does it target? Civilians or military targets? In either case the retribution from India would be swift and overwhelming.

While the damage to terror infra in PoJK and Pakistan has been quite severe, it is not the complete story. It's key to note that Op Sindoor cannot be seen in isolation but must be seen as a continuation of measures taken by India, especially putting IWT in abeyance. This will certainly have long-term consequences for Pakistan's agriculture and food security.

The strikes on Muridke and Bahawalpur terror camps serve as a huge blow to Pakistan's military-ISI-terror nexus. While full details of the casualties and damage inflicted are awaited, the hits to the camps are clearly visible.

The strikes also have an important psychological impact. For decades, these two camps have been the epicentre of Pakistan's terrorism directed against India. In the past, India had always hesitated against taking action against them. This time, however, the Indian armed forces have attacked them and degraded their ability to carry out their nefarious designs. This marks a huge strategic shift in India's counterterror response.

Given the blows Pakistan has just suffered, the generals in Rawalpindi GHQ and the deep state will be under pressure to respond. They have to react, and react quickly, for the sake of their domestic audience. All eyes will be on Pak army chief Asim Munir. But as mentioned above, the options for Pakistan's retaliation are

limited. Civilian targets or military targets will invite definite retaliation from India. Cross-border terrorism, in J&K or in other parts of India, is an easy option. However, this runs the risk of confirming they are indeed the epicentre of terror.

So, for the moment, they may not choose the last option. But for the longer term, unless Pakistan physically dismantles its terror architecture, the possibility and temptation of using cross-border terror as an instrument of state policy will always be there. One could say that the Pakistani establishment is addicted to this strategy. For, they've not only used this strategy against India but also against Afghanistan.

Plus, there's also the concern that unless gainfully 'employed', trained jihadis could turn inwards and attack Pakistan like in the case of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, which has been giving the Pakistani security establishment quite a headache in recent months. Therefore, Pakistan is riding a tiger and just can't get off.

The monster that Pakistan's military-ISI complex has created since the 1980s when it hosted, trained and armed the Afghan mujahideen – subsequently using a similar template to foment terrorism in J&K – can today devour its master unless it is periodically exported out.

This is precisely the reason why terrorism emanating from Pakistan has become a global problem. That bin Laden was found hiding in Pakistan's garrison town of Abbottabad exemplifies how deep-rooted its terror ecosystem is.

This is also why few buy Pakistan's denial of state involvement in the terror industry flourishing on Pakistani soil. The international community has understood Islamabad's role in fomenting terrorism. Pak defence minister Khawaja Asif and Bilawal Bhutto's recent comments about Pakistan nurturing and backing terrorists further confirmed this.

The international community is fed up with Pak-sponsored terrorism. Hence, apart from China and Türkiye, no other country is willing to give it the time of day. Even traditional benefactors like Gulf Arab nations now increasingly opt for India's prism to view regional security.

Taken together, all of this gives GOI and Indian armed forces the strategic flexibility to carry out focused military ops like Sindoor.

INDIA'S HAMMER BLOW: WHAT IT MEANS, WHAT NEXT

- Clear signal of new strategic resolve ● Intel inputs plus smart weapons prove a winner
- Vulnerability of Pak-based terror leadership established ● LoC will be hot zone ● Pak may attempt a post-Balakot-like response ● But Indian air defence systems now are far better

Arjun Subramaniam

After the terrorist attack in Mumbai, IAF had offered govt options for an immediate air power-led response against terror infra in PoJK. That didn't happen given the escalatory dynamics of the time despite voices from within the strategic establishment suggesting that there was a window for limited military action.

Indian army's cross-border strikes in 2016 and Balakot strike of 2019 were baby steps taken by a strategic establishment attempting to infuse a retaliatory paradigm in India's response to terrorism. Though these responses did meaningfully contribute to deterrence for a few years, India was forced to go back to the drawing board after the Pahalgam attacks.

As IAF Rafale jets launched their Hammer & Scalp missiles between 1.00-1.30am late Tuesday night against nine terrorist targets and infra inside PoJK and across IB, it's important to look at the larger picture of deterrence and punitive action. Some immediate issues merit reflection as we evaluate India's measured, calibrated, pre-emptive, non-escalatory and deterrence-driven retaliatory strikes.

● Importance of meticulous planning and secrecy of plans. In an era of stare capability by space-based surveillance assets, social media leaks, attempts by TV to 'war game' scenarios and predict outcomes, it's evident strategic leadership's ability to stay ahead of adversaries and keep them guessing remains an important element of contemporary warfare.

● By not resorting to immediate punitive strikes and instead building pressure through diplomacy and non-military actions, India's armed forces seem to have been given adequate 'breathing' time to launch an effective but restrained op, helped by quality intelligence.

● Operation Sindoor was declared an integrated and joint operation with significant preliminary visibility accorded to the air strikes. Though Balakot air strikes were a strategic success and imposed a six-year-long deterrence on Pak's jihadi establishment, there were several lessons that emerged. It is to IAF's credit that it has trained hard in the years since to adapt to the paradigm of limited wars and counterterror ops.

● Rafale's induction has been a game changer that could play out further when – not if – Pakistan launches its retaliatory action. Should Pakistan suffer even modest losses in such an action, it would be the surest way down the path of de-escalation.

● Comparative quality of the politico-military synergy on both sides post

Pahalgam plays a key role. Installing ISI chief as Pak NSA and the knee-jerk nuclear rhetoric reflect the chaos that set in after India's non-military measures. On the Indian side, there seems to have been a calm process-driven approach with clear political directives and some political posturing that conveyed intent but had to be matched with tangible action.

● What would have taken many analysts by surprise is the continued faith India's strategic establishment reposed in offensive air power to offer counterterror options. This is a major strategic hurdle crossed. India in the past has always considered offensive air power as an escalatory element in sub-conventional or short-of-war situations.

● The point to reflect on is whether Pakistan follows the 'rational actor' model in its response, or will it throw caution to the wind to conduct widespread air strikes and indiscriminate artillery shelling against Indian military and civilian targets?

Syed Ata Hasnain

In the military domain naming an operation is as important as the operation itself. Thus, Op Sindoor bears the symbolism of response to the anger which gripped India on April 22 after the Pahalgam attack. However, it doesn't end here and could even be the beginning of a new season of confrontation.

● After Feb 2019 when the Balakot operation was executed post Pulwama terror attack, we always knew that another attack of serious proportions would be repeated some day. The Balakot strike was not an act of deterrence but a strategic message; it was controlled escalation at a lower rung. I had wondered then what would be our response the next time some big terror attack took place. Six years later

What's important to note is that Muridke, Sialkot and Bahawalpur facilities are close to prominent headquarters of the Pak army. The strikes, therefore, signify India now has the capability to target even these should the need arise.

● The location of the terror camps had been known for long. What India's strikes demonstrate is the vulnerability of the terrorist leadership to such targeted operations. It is something akin to Israeli capabilities acquired over time. This introduces a different dimension to the entire gamut of counterterror operations of a strategic nature.

In Op Sindoor, it's known that joint operation munitions of all three services were used through different modes of launch. Kamikaze drones, launched from standoff distances without crossing borders, became the final weapons of delivery. More on the weapons systems will be known as details unravel, but it's clear that India's efforts in the employment of a new generation of weapons systems have successfully come into being.

● The final damage assessment is a part of detail and to my mind not so relevant. In Balakot, we were more focused on the results of the strike. It's quite clear this time that counting bodies is unimportant. It's the event itself, the decision, the multiple targets and their nature, the depth of strikes and the choice of the geographical focus that have made the difference.

● As usual, Pakistan's mastery over the domain of fake news has ensured attempts at manipulated narratives that should just be ignored. But we do need to be concerned about two things.

● First, the likelihood of a response from the Pakistani deep state. It appears to be unlikely in the conventional domain; Pakistan does not have it in, despite all analyses of its irrationality. It's in the sub-conventional domain that this cannot be restricted by any of the effects of Op Sindoor. Already, LoC has become hot with the ceasefire of 2021 no longer in existence. Heavy casualties have been sustained by our civilian population in J&K's Poonch sector. This is Pakistan's frustration at play.

● The army must now ensure that it uses its tech superiority to neutralise all Pak assets involved in cross-LoC firing. There are several areas where we have domination due to terrain configuration; this must be exploited. However, we also need to safeguard our internal security to ensure that events such as Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra and the Char Dham Yatra are conducted safely. Pakistan, after all, has no remorse about the targets it chooses.



METICULOUS PLANNING: PM with defence minister, NSA, CDS, and services chiefs (April 29)

● Given the enormous pressure on Pak military to respond, the most likely 'calibrated' response may reference the model adopted during PAF's operations after Balakot (Operation Swift Retort) with symbolic attacks on military targets along LoC attempted. With India's layered air defence ecosystem having learnt its lessons after Operation Swift Retort, such ops are doomed to fail.

Moot point is that notwithstanding General Munir's tag as a 'jihadi' and war-mongering general, there are bound to be sane voices from all three services, particularly from within Pak air force and navy that eschew expansion of conflict against India.

● The world will now ask if India has shed its cloak as a diffident power and will emerge as a more assertive 'rising power'. Is this also an indirect signal to Beijing to recalibrate its relationship with India? Wishful thinking, but could the current situation also usher in the possibility that sections of Pak civil society realise the futility of buckling to their army and jihadi establishment?

Finally, what India's strategic establishment must heed loud and clear is that credible hard power to respond to external threats is a non-negotiable instrument of statecraft. The current crisis deals with an adversary dwarfed in size and capability. The same is not true elsewhere.

Pahalgam happened against the run of play. It was even more serious than Uri or Pulwama and demanded an Indian response of higher proportion.

● We knew that an Indian military response would come sooner than later, although I continued to wonder whether India would finally hit where it hurts Pakistan most – Pakistan's Punjab heartland. And finally, GOI and the armed forces did, and did so effectively. The decision to hit Pakistan's heartland and the choice of targets may have been finally decided by the preliminary findings of NIA that mentioned the conspiracy between Pak army, ISI and Lashkar-e-Taiba; the deepest of the deep state that runs Pakistan's security and foreign policy interests.

● The nine targets selected were a mix of those in PoJK and in Pakistan's Punjab. They were terror holding and training facilities, camps and launchpads in the vicinity of both LoC and Pak Punjab heartland. The selection was apt because it included headquarters of both Hafiz Saeed's LeT at Muridke and JeM at Bahawalpur. Although Azhar Masood's JeM may not have had a hand in Pahalgam, nevertheless its involvement in the larger terror machinery demanded that it too be brought into the ambit of response. Camps in Sialkot, earlier involved with the Pathankot attack, were also targeted.

Two Women Officers And The Idea Of India

It's an image for the ages. At the first govt briefing about the precision strikes against Pakistan-based terror hubs, Indians got to see a powerful snapshot of the way of life that Operation Sindoor was launched to protect. It was in two languages. Both sexes were represented. Flanking foreign secretary Vikram Misri were two soldiers, both women, one Muslim and one Hindu. Namely, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi of the Indian army and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh of

the Indian air force. The particular heinousness of the Pahalgam attack lay in how it segregated the men and the women, the Hindus and Muslims, the tourists from the locals. The intention was crudely clear: To undermine one thing: Indian society's idea of itself as united and strong. Images of officers Qureshi and Singh told the world how steely, enduring and magnificent this idea of India is. It is possible that the press briefing left Pakistan as stunned as the

precision strikes. The confident but sober disposition of the Indian women officers would be foreign, even offensive, to many in Pakistan. Deepening radicalisation hasn't just deprived women and men of autonomy there, it has brought fractiousness even to Pak army ranks. Their ability to defend themselves has been following alongside what they are defending. In their determined hugging of an imagined past, Pakistanis have kept falling behind forward-

looking Indians. As a national identity gets trapped in fear, anxiety and hatred, everything that's attractive about it drains away. The constitutional idea that has arrested the communal arc in India has also enabled the kind of human flourishing that Colonel Qureshi and Wing Commander Singh represent. This inclusivity and excellence is the best part of us. This is what we are fighting to defend. It is pretty special not just in South Asia, but in the whole world.

Calvin & Hobbes



How To Get What You Want

Swami Chinmayananda

A question that often arises is: Are desires fulfilled by power of the mind concentrating in a particular direction, or by the deity or evil spirit worshipped by the individual? The Lord has declared in the Bhagwad Gita, "I don't give anyone anything, because in My hand, there is nothing. It is all your delusion."

When your mind approaches an altar demanding something, the Lord increases your sankalp shakti, your willpower. When you work with greater faith in a given profession, your dexterity, self-confidence, belief in yourself, and your faith in the profession increase.

You and I consider it God's grace through which we attained what we wanted. True. But God does not distribute His grace unequally, giving more to those who serve Him! It is as if Narayana has a 'desire' to enjoy your kirtan and puja. When He is pleased and happy with your puja, He quietly throws one packet to you, not to the other fellow who is not doing it.

When you fix your mind on any topic, your devotion, faith, and confidence increase: "I will get it, I will get it, I will get it!" With a bala, inner strength, you say: "It is not for me; this is the Lord's will; it will happen; it will bless everybody!"

Then it will happen. This sankalp shakti is lost when the mind is distracted. When you desire one thing, 10,000 others surface, and the mind is disintegrated. The mind is like Aladdin's wonderful lamp. Rub it, and the genie appears, ready to do anything you order. He asks, "Master, what do you want?" You tell him your immediate need a cup of tea. The genie turns around to bring the tea. But you call him again, and he returns for your instructions. "Make sure it's hot!" "Yes, Master," he says and turns around. Again, you call, "Genie! Add a good amount of milk and sugar." Once again, the genie turns, but you call

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Rabindranath Tagore



GOING HAMMER & SCALP

INDIA STRIKES DEEP & WIDE WITH PRECISION & PURPOSE

The May 7 cross-border strikes on terrorist hubs are the deepest by India inside Pakistan since the 1971 war, marking a major shift both in strategy and messaging. The strikes went beyond retaliation for the barbarity in Pahalgam, and were designed to take out the entire Lashkar-Hizb-Jaish terrorism complex, the non-state actors whom Pakistan has used for decades to wage a proxy war on India

HOW INDIA HIT TARGETS WITHOUT CROSSING THE LOC

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Rafale: Omni-role 4.5-gen fighters

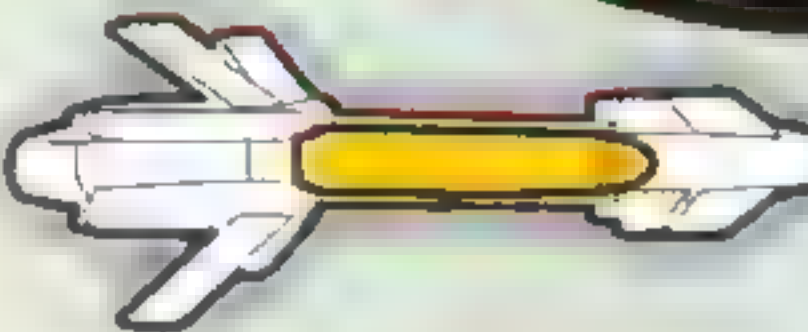
'Scalp' air-to-ground cruise missiles

Also known as the Storm Shadow, this missile is armed with a penetrating warhead capable of destroying hardened and buried targets from long range



'Hammer' air-to-ground precision-guided munitions

RANGE: 20-70km



Army

Kamikaze drones, like SkyStriker

These fully autonomous loitering munitions can locate, acquire and strike operator-designated targets with a warhead

RANGE: 100km

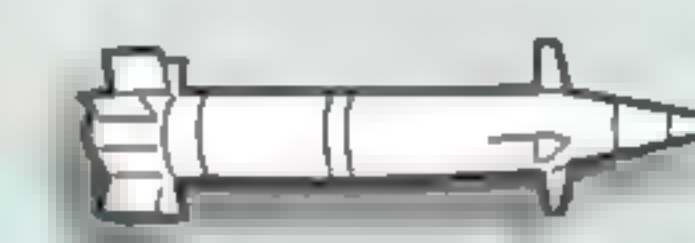


Mirage 2000
Spice-2000 glide bombs



Excalibur precision-guided extended-range artillery shells: These use GPS and inertial guidance to achieve high accuracy and engage targets

RANGE: 40km



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Ministry of Corporate Affairs at New Delhi
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File No. 5/RD(NR)/361/Summ.Pro/T83356857

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Subject- Engagement of Agency for conduct of Physical Endurance Test (PET) and Physical Standard Test (PST) for J&K Services Selection Board for a period of one year.

e-NIT No. 02 of 2025
Dated :- 01.05.2025

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Israel discussed a US-led admin for Gaza with Washington: Report

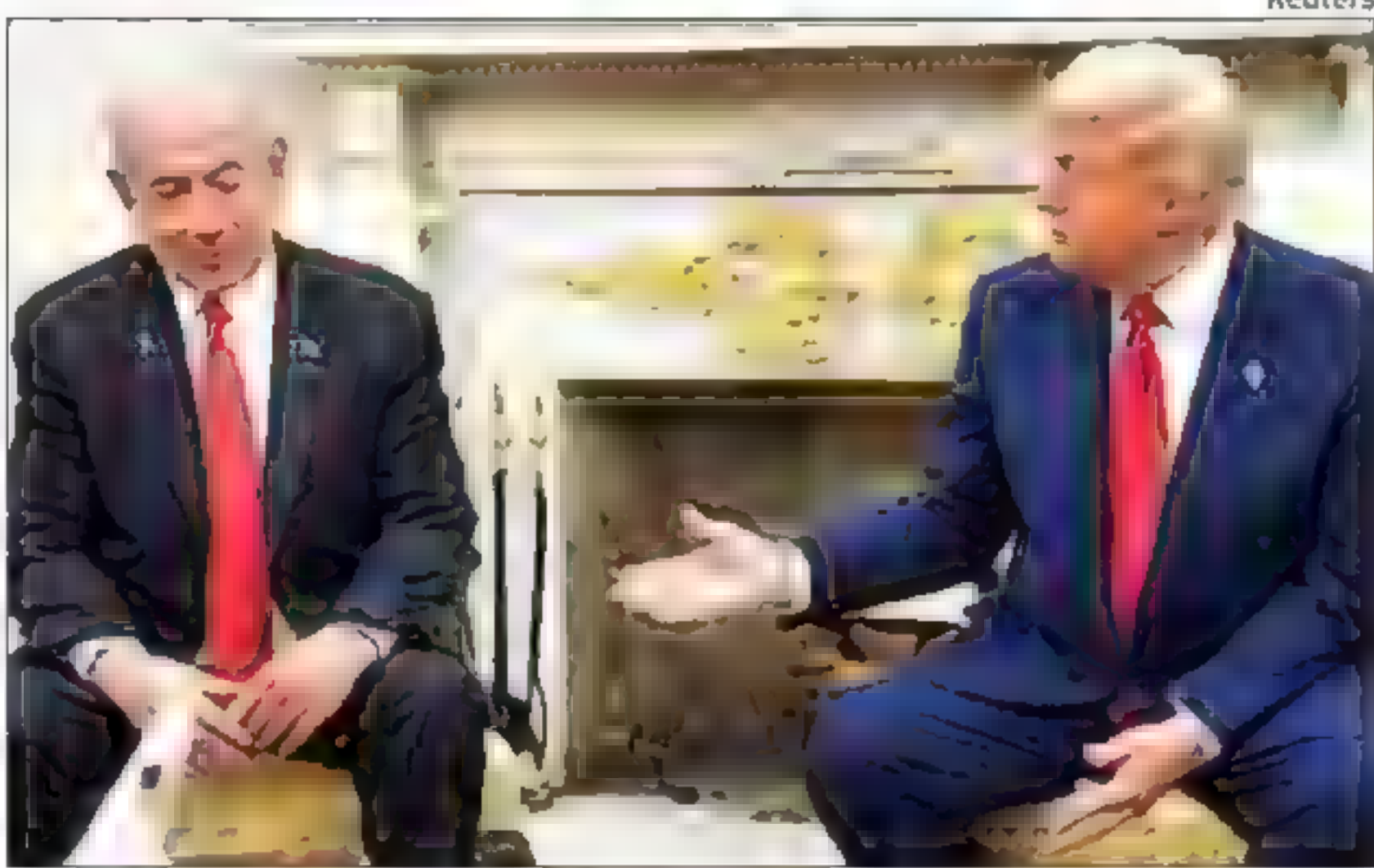
Plan Found Similar To A Proposal Made To Iraq After Saddam's Ouster

Jerusalem: The US and Israel have discussed the possibility of Washington leading a temporary post-war administration of Gaza, according to five people familiar with the matter.

The "high-level" consultations have centred around a transitional govt headed by a US official that would oversee Gaza until it had been demilitarised and stabilised, and a viable Palestinian administration had emerged, the sources said. According to the discussion, which remain preliminary, there would be no fixed timeline for how long such a US-led administration would last, which would depend on the situation on the ground.

The sources compared the proposal to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq that Washington had established in 2003, shortly after the US-headed invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein. The authority was perceived by many Iraqis as an occupying force and it transferred power to an interim Iraqi govt in 2004 after failing to contain a growing insurgency. Other countries would be invited to take part in the US-led authority in Gaza, the sources said, without identifying which ones.

They said the administration would draw on Palestinian technocrats but would exclude Islamist group Hamas and the Palestinian Authority, which holds limited authority in the occupied West Bank. Islamist group Hamas, which has governed Gaza since 2007, sparked the current war when its



An April 7 photo of Trump with Israeli PM Netanyahu in Washington

US, China to hold ice-breaker trade talks in Geneva on Sat

Washington/Beijing: US treasury secretary Scott Bessent and chief trade negotiator Jamieson Greer will meet China's economic tsar He Lifeng in Switzerland this weekend for talks that could be the first step toward resolving a trade war disrupting the global economy. News of the planned Geneva meeting, first announced by Washington late Tuesday, sent US equity index futures higher. Stock markets in China and Hong Kong followed suit during Asian trading on Wednesday.

The talks come after weeks of escalating tensions that have seen duties on goods imported from the world's two largest economies soar well beyond 100%, amounting to what Bessent on Tuesday described as the equivalent of

militants stormed into southern Israeli communities on Oct 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and capturing another 251.

The sources said it remained unclear whether any agree-

a trade embargo. The negotiating teams convening in Switzerland, known for its neutrality, are expected to discuss reductions to the broader tariffs, two sources familiar with the planning said. The talks should also cover duties on specific products, export controls and Trump's decision to end de minimis exemptions on low-value imports, one of the sources added.

China's state council did not immediately reply to a faxed request for comment.

"My sense is this will be about de-escalation," Bessent told Fox News after the announcement. "We've got to de-escalate before we can move forward." A Chinese commerce ministry spokesperson later confirmed China had agreed to meet the US envoys. REUTERS

Report: Trump plans to announce US will call Persian Gulf Arabian Gulf

Washington: President Trump plans to announce while on his trip to Saudi Arabia next week that the US will now refer to the Persian Gulf as the Arabian Gulf or the Gulf of Arabia, two US officials told AP on Tuesday.

Arab nations have pushed for a change to the geographic name of the body of water off the southern coast of Iran, while Iran has maintained its historic ties to the gulf. The US officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive matters. The White House and National Security Council didn't immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

The Persian Gulf has been widely known by that name since the 16th century, although usage of "Gulf of Arabia" and "Arabian Gulf" is dominant in many countries in West Asia. The govt of Iran — formerly Persia — threatened to sue Google in 2012 over the company's decision not to label the body of water at all on its maps. On Google Maps in the US, the body of water appears as Persian Gulf (Arabian Gulf). Apple Maps only says the Persian Gulf. The US military for years has unilaterally referred to the Persian Gulf as the Arabian Gulf in statements and images it releases. AP

Striking softer tone, Vance says US and Europe on 'same team'

Washington: Striking a notably softer tone than his past remarks on Europe, US V-P JD Vance said on Wednesday that the US and the continent are on the same side. "I do still very much think the US and Europe are on the same team," Vance told the Munich Leaders Meeting in Washington.

"I still think that this European alliance is very important, but I think that for it to be important and for us to be real friends with each other — and I think that we are very much real friends — we've got to talk about the big questions," he said. Vance shocked Europe when he used a Feb speech at a security forum in Munich to attack EU policies on immigration and free speech.

But on Wednesday, Vance spoke about ties that bring Europe and the US together: "European civilization and American civilization, European culture and American culture, are very much linked, and they're always going to be linked," he said. "I think it's completely ridiculous to think that you're ever going to be able to drive a firm wedge between the US and Europe." AFP

US plans to send migrants to Libya on military flight

Washington: The Trump administration is planning to transport a group of immigrants to Libya on a US military plane, according to US officials, another sharp escalation in a deportation programme that has sparked widespread legal challenges and intense debate.

The nationalities of the migrants were not immediately clear, but a flight to Libya carrying the deportees could leave as soon as Wednesday. The decision to send deportees to Libya was striking. The country is racked with conflict, and rights groups have called conditions of migrant detention centres "horrific" and "deplorable". The Libya operation falls in line with Trump govt's effort to deter migrants from trying to enter the US illegally and also send a message to those in the country illegally that they can be deported to countries where they could face brutal conditions. This comes after the administration set off a furor by deporting a group of Venezuelans to El Salvador. NPT

Ukraine drones target Moscow as Xi lands in Russia to show support

Zelensky Says Can't Take Responsibility For What Happens In Russian Territory

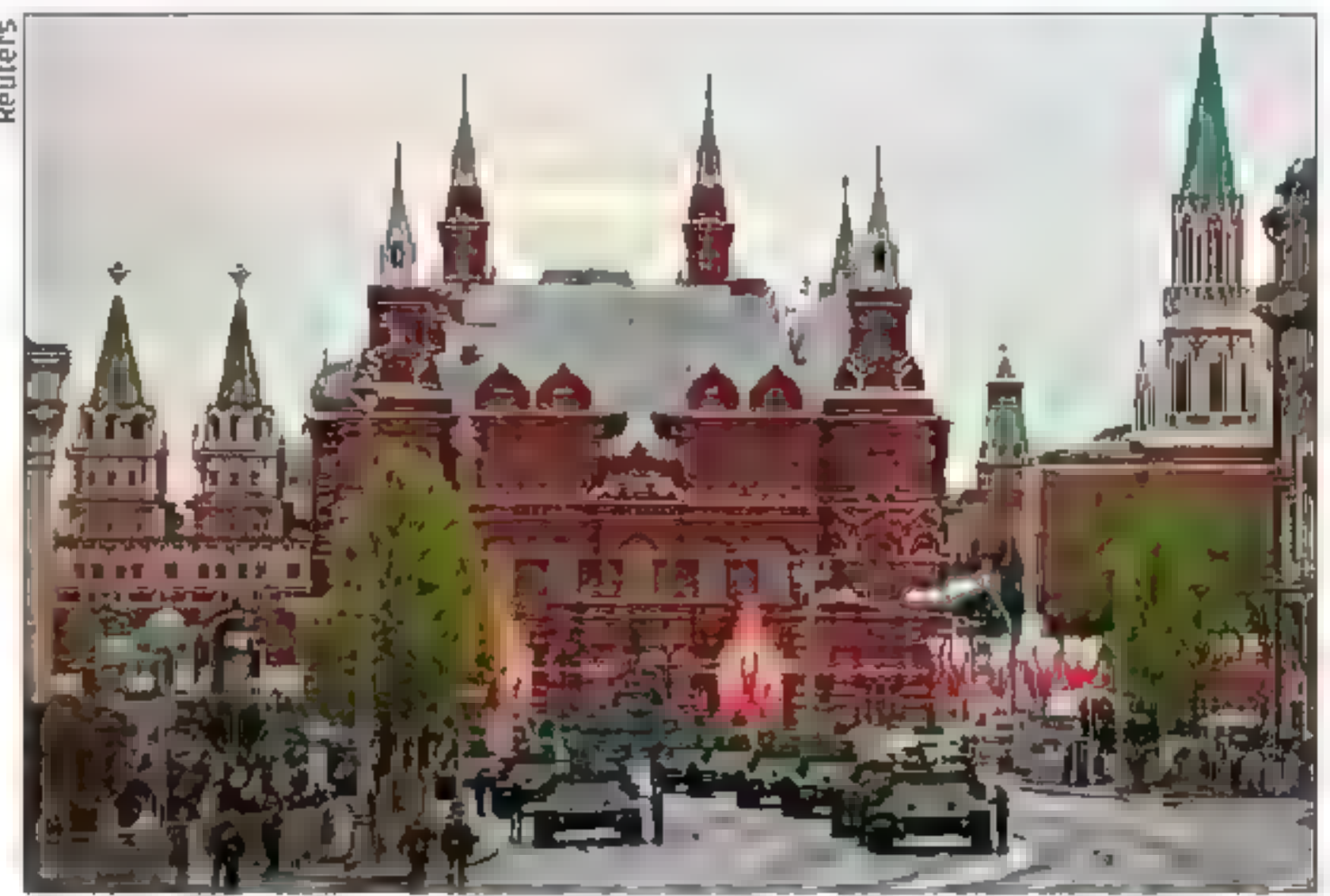
Attacks by Ukrainian long-range drones caused flight disruption at Moscow's main airports for a third straight day on Wednesday as Russia prepared to receive the Chinese president and other foreign leaders for the annual Victory Day military parade in Red Square.

Russian flag carrier Aeroflot cancelled more than 100 flights to and from Moscow. More than 140 flights were delayed as Russian planes were repeatedly grounded, flight data showed, because of what officials described as the Ukrainian drone threat and amid heightened security measures around the Victory Day events. Russian air defences repelled an attack by nine drones close to the Russian capital, Moscow mayor Sergei Sobyanyin said.

Earlier on Wednesday, the Russian defence ministry said its forces had downed 524 drones over the past 24 hours. The ministry did not specify the locations where the drones were destroyed.

Though Ukrainian drones have targeted Moscow in the past, the sustained attacks appeared designed to disrupt preparations for the 80th anniversary celebrations marking victory over Nazi Germany in WWII — Russia's biggest secular holiday of the year.

The repeated assaults could unnerv Russians, who have been told by President Vladimir Putin that the more



T-34 Soviet-era tanks take part in rehearsals for the parade in Moscow

Lithuania closes airspace to flights carrying Slovakia PM and Serbia prez to Russia

Lithuania has closed its airspace to flights carrying the Slovak and Serbian leaders to Moscow for its WWII victory parade, President Gitanas Nausėda said on Wednesday. Slovak PM Robert Fico and Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic are among leaders expected to attend Victory Day commemorations in Moscow. "The decisions are negative," Nausėda said, in response to a question on flyover permissions for the two leaders. Lithuania is among the strongest supporters in EU and Nato of Ukraine against Russia's three-year-old invasion. REUTERS

than three-year war with Ukraine is going well, as well as potentially embarrass him in front of his illustrious guests.

Security is expected to be tight for Friday's centerpiece parade. Foreign dignitaries, including China's President Xi Jinping and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, arrived on Wednesday.

Russia plans a unilateral 72-hour ceasefire to coincide with the celebrations in Moscow. In March, the US proposed a 30-day truce in the war, which Ukraine accepted, but the Kremlin has held out for ceasefire terms more to its liking.

Ukrainian President

Zelensky said last weekend that his country cannot provide security assurances to foreign officials planning to visit the Moscow events. Russia could stage provocations and later attempt to blame Ukraine, he said. "Our position is very simple: we cannot take responsibility for what happens on the territory of the Russian Federation," he said. "They are the ones providing your security, and we will not be offering any guarantees." Zelensky said that he had instructed Ukraine's foreign ministry to advise foreign delegations against visiting Russia. AP

Biden accuses Trump of 'appeasement of Russia'

London: Joe Biden said in his first post-presidential interview that President Trump's pressure on Ukraine to give up territory to Russia amounts to "modern-day appeasement," a historically fraught term that refers to a failed effort to stop the Nazis from annexing land in Europe in the 1930s.

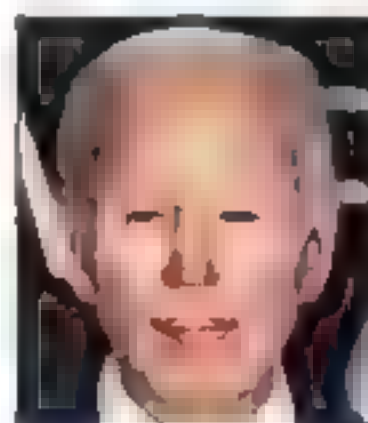
Biden told BBC Radio 4's "Today" program in remarks aired Wednesday that Trump's statements about acquiring Panama, Greenland and Canada have bred distrust of the US in Europe. "What president ever

talks like that?" Biden said. "That's not who we are. We're about freedom, democracy, opportunity — not about confiscation." The term appeasement refers to former British PM Neville Chamberlain's efforts in the 1930s to appease Adolf Hitler's moves to annex land in Europe, which failed to prevent WWII.

Trump has long dismissed the war in Ukraine as a waste of lives and American taxpayer money. Early in his presidency, Trump ordered a pause in

American aid to Ukraine — then resumed it.

Biden said he worried that relations between the US and Europe were eroding under Trump, with Nato member nations reconsidering whether they trust the US. "Europe is going to lose confidence in the certainty of America and the leadership of America," Biden told the BBC. Of special concern, Biden said, was the administration's proposal to let Russia keep some Ukrainian territory in an effort



to strike a peace deal that would put an end to fighting. "It is modern-day appeasement," Biden said. Biden said Trump's thrashing of Ukrainian President Zelensky in the Oval Office in Feb was "beneath America." "I don't understand how they fail to understand that there's strength in alliances," Biden said of the Trump administration on Monday.

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Houthi say truce deal with US does not include Israel

Aden: A ceasefire deal between Yemen's Houthis and the US does not include sparing Israel, the group said on Wednesday, suggesting its shipping attacks that have disrupted global trade and challenged world powers will not come to a complete halt.

President Trump said the US would stop bombing the Iran-aligned Houthis in Yemen, saying the group had agreed to stop attacking US ships. Oman said it had mediated the truce. There have been no reports of attacks on shipping in the Red Sea since Jan. "The agreement doesn't include Israel in any way, shape or form," said the chief Houthi negotiator. "As long as they announced the cessation (of US strikes) and they are actually committed to that, our position was self-defence so we will stop." "They said 'please don't bomb us any more and we're not going to attack your ships'," Trump said. "And I will accept their word, and we are going to stop the bombing of the Houthis." REUTERS

Israeli official says 24 hostages alive in Gaza after Trump says number's 21 now

Jerusalem: An Israeli official said on Wednesday that 24 hostages were alive in Gaza after US President Donald Trump said the number was 21, alarming the families of hostages.

Gal Hirsch, Israel's coordinator for hostage issues, said in a post on X that the Palestinian militant group Hamas was holding 59 hostages of whom 24 were alive and 35 dead — figures unchanged since before Trump spoke. "All families of the kidnapped are always updated with the information we have about their loved ones," he said.

Speaking at an event at the White House on Tuesday, Trump said that 24 hostages were alive a week ago but the figure was now 21. "I say 21, because, as of today, it's 21. Three have died," he said, without citing a source or providing further details.

Trump's comment had prompted the group representing the families of hostages to ask the Israeli govt to share any new information with them immediately. "The headquar-



An F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter jet is worth at least \$67 million

ters again calls on the prime minister to stop the war until the return of the last abductee. This is the most urgent and important national task," said a spokesperson for the group.

A total of 251 people were taken hostage during the Hamas attacks on southern Israel on October 7, 2023.

The fate of the hostages is a visceral issue for most Israelis and one that has caused increasing disquiet and division in Israeli society as the war has dragged on. Hostage families and their supporters have said from the start that freeing all those abducted on Oct 7 should be the absolute priority. REUTERS

Second US navy jet lost off USS Truman in 2 wks

For the second time in less than two weeks, a US Navy fighter jet from the aircraft carrier Harry S Truman has been lost in the Red Sea.

The jet was landing on the flight deck of the Truman on Tuesday when the aircraft's arrestment system, which helps the aircraft stop on the runway, failed, "causing the aircraft to go overboard". The two pilots aboard the plane, an F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter jet worth at least \$67 million, ejected and sustained minor injuries. They were rescued by a helicopter.

A week ago, another F/A-18 Super Hornet and a tow tractor fell off the Truman when the crew lost control of the plane.

That mishap occurred when the carrier was maneuvering to better position itself against the threat of Houthi missiles and drones. REUTERS

48 killed in strikes on school housing displaced in Gaza

Cairo/Gaza: At least 48 people were killed on Wednesday in Israeli airstrikes on a school that housed families displaced by the conflict and which was located close to a crowded market and restaurant in Gaza City, local health authorities said.

Medics said two strikes targeted the Karama School in Tuffah, a suburb of Gaza City, killing 15. Later in the day, an Israeli strike near a restaurant and market in the city killed at least 33 people, including women and children, medics said.

There was no immediate Israeli comment. Reuters footage of the scene near the market showed wounded men being rushed away on the back of pickups and carts. Ambulances sped down shattered streets and a woman in tears carried a baby away from the scene, with two young children beside her.

Two Israeli air strikes on another school, housing displaced people in Bureij camp in central Gaza, killed at least 33 people, including women and children, on Tuesday, local health authorities said. REUTERS

Man with knife slashes two at a Tokyo station

Tokyo: A man with a knife slashed two passengers waiting for a train at a Tokyo subway station during the evening rush on Wednesday, and their injuries were not believed to be life-threatening, Japanese media reported.

Japan's NHK television said the attacker was seen brandishing a kitchen knife on the platform of a station on the subway's Namboku line. Tokyo police arrested the suspect at the scene on suspicion of attempted murder and were investigating.

Police said there had been no official announcement on the still-developing case. Trains on the line were temporarily suspended for "inspection" of subway cars, operator Tokyo Metro said. Violent crime is relatively rare in Japan, which has a low murder rate and some of the toughest gun laws. But there are occasional stabbings and even shootings, including the assassination of former prime minister Shinzo Abe in 2022. AGENCIES

Cardinals enter Sistine Chapel to start centuries-old secret ritual to elect a pope

Vatican City: With all pomp, drama and solemnity that the Catholic Church can muster, 133 cardinals Wednesday began the secretive, centuries-old ritual to elect a successor to Pope Francis, opening the most geographically diverse conclave in the faith's 2,000-year history.

Two by two, the cardinals entered Sistine Chapel chanting "Litany of the Saints" as Swiss Guards stood at attention. The hymn implores the saints to help the cardinals find a new leader of the 1.4 billion-strong Catholic Church. They bowed before the altar and took

their places before taking an oath of secrecy and shutting Sistine Chapel doors to start the conclave. Earlier, the dean of the College of Cardinals, cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, presided over a morning mass urging voters to set aside all personal interests and find a pope who prizes unity. The world today needs a leader who can awaken consciences, he said.

Hailing from 70 countries, the cardinals have been sequestered from the outside world until they find a new leader. Francis named 108 of the 133 "princes of the church", cho-



Cardinals attend holy mass at St Peter's Basilica in Vatican on Wednesday

sing many pastors from far-flung countries that had never had a cardinal before. His decision to surpass the usual limit of 120 cardinal electors and include younger ones from the "global south" — often marginalised countries with lower economic clout — has injected an unusual degree of uncertainty in a process that is full of suspense, with smoke signals telling the world if a pope has been elected or not. Many cardinals hadn't met one another until last week and lamented they needed more time to get to know each other, raising ques-

tions about how long it might take for one man to secure the two-thirds majority needed to become the 267th pope. While cardinals are supposed to resist any "secular" influences in their choice, such lobbying abounded in Rome in recent days.

Many challenges face the new pope and weigh on the cardinals — above all whether to continue Francis' progressive legacy on several issues or roll it back to try to unify a polarised church. Since Francis chose 80% of the voters, continuity is likely, but the form it might take is uncertain. AP



Big Ben is lit up to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day in London

2 teens found with 5k ants told to either pay \$7,700 fine or spend a year in prison in Kenya

Two Belgian teenagers found with 5,000 ants in Kenya were given a choice of paying a fine of \$7,700 or serving 12 months in prison — the maximum penalty for the offence. Authorities said the ants were destined for European and Asian markets in an emerging trend of trafficking lesser-known wildlife species. Belgian nationals Lornoy David and Seppe Lodewijckx, both 19, were arrested on April 5 with the ants in Nakuru county, home to various national parks. They were charged on April 15. Magistrate Njeri Thuku said that despite the teenagers saying they were naive and collecting the ants as a hobby, the particular species of ants they collected is valuable and they had thousands of them. Kenya Wildlife Service said the teenagers were involved in trafficking the ants to markets in Europe and Asia.

Turkiye's top court upholds law on culling of stray dogs

Turkiye's top court on Wednesday rejected a request to annul a contentious law designed to remove millions of stray dogs from the streets, which critics

said could lead to mass killings of the animals. The main opposition party had sought the overturn of the legislation that was enacted last year, arguing that it violated animal rights and the right to life. The Constitutional Court, however, has ruled that the provisions are legally valid and for it to continue to be implemented. Dozens of animal rights activists had gathered near the Constitutional Court to press the court to repeal the law, holding up posters reading "cancel the blood-ridden law" and shouting anti-govt slogans.

Rare New Zealand snail filmed laying egg from its neck

The strange reproductive habits of a large, carnivorous New Zealand snail were once shrouded in mystery. Now footage of the snail laying an egg from its neck has been captured for the first time, the country's conservation agency said. What looks like a tiny hen's egg is seen emerging from an opening below the head of the Powelliphanta augusta snail, a threatened species endemic to New Zealand. The video was taken at a facility on the South Island's West Coast, where conservation rangers attempting to save the species from extinction have cared for a population of the snails in chilled containers for nearly two decades.

ROHIT GIVES UP TEST CRICKET

Told Selectors He Wanted To Relinquish Captaincy, Take Call After Two Tests In Eng; Will Continue To Lead In ODIs For Now

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New Delhi: Rohit Sharma has announced his retirement from Test cricket just days before the national selection committee gets together to pick the team for the upcoming five-Test series in England. TOI has learnt that Rohit last week conveyed to the Indian cricket board (BCCI) and selectors that they should not consider him as captain for the tour.

"Hello everyone, I would just like to share that I am retiring from Test cricket. It's been an absolute honour to represent my country in whites. Thank you for all the love and support over the years. I will continue to represent India in the ODI format," Rohit posted on Instagram with a picture of his Test cap on Wednesday evening.

He had retired from T20Is after leading the team to the T20 World Cup triumph last year. The BCCI later tweeted that Rohit would continue to be India's ODI skipper.

Rohit made up his mind to give up Test cricket after a week of discussions with the selectors. Rohit initially wanted to see where he stood in red ball cricket after the first two Tests in England and then take a call on his career.

"Rohit himself offered to relinquish Test captaincy. Last week, he communicated to selectors that they should be looking for other options. He wanted to test himself out in the first two Tests. However, the selectors weren't comfortable with that idea," a BCCI source told TOI.

The selectors met Rohit and head coach Gautam Gambhir was kept in the loop. It was conveyed to Rohit that this arrangement would unsettle the team, and its leadership, during such a crucial series. Things got ugly for the 38-year-old Rohit when he had to step aside from playing in the New Year's Test in Australia this Jan due to his poor run of form, which had continued from the home Test series against New Zealand. The selectors and the team management were not sure of his place in the playing XI going forward. "He was asked to commit to the entire tour. The selectors and

team management didn't want to deal with chaos in the middle of the tour like it happened with Ravichandran Ashwin on the tour of Australia. Rohit also arrived on the same page and decided to call it quits," the source said.

Selectors looking for long-term captain

There have been suggestions that Jasprit Bumrah and Virat Kohli could be considered as a stop-gap arrangement for the England tour. However, the team management and selectors are convinced that they need a long-term solution going into the next cycle of the World Test Championship.

Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant are in pole position, with the selectors unsure about Bumrah's ability to endure a long Test series. With Gill's Test record still average, besides him struggling

ROHIT IN TESTS

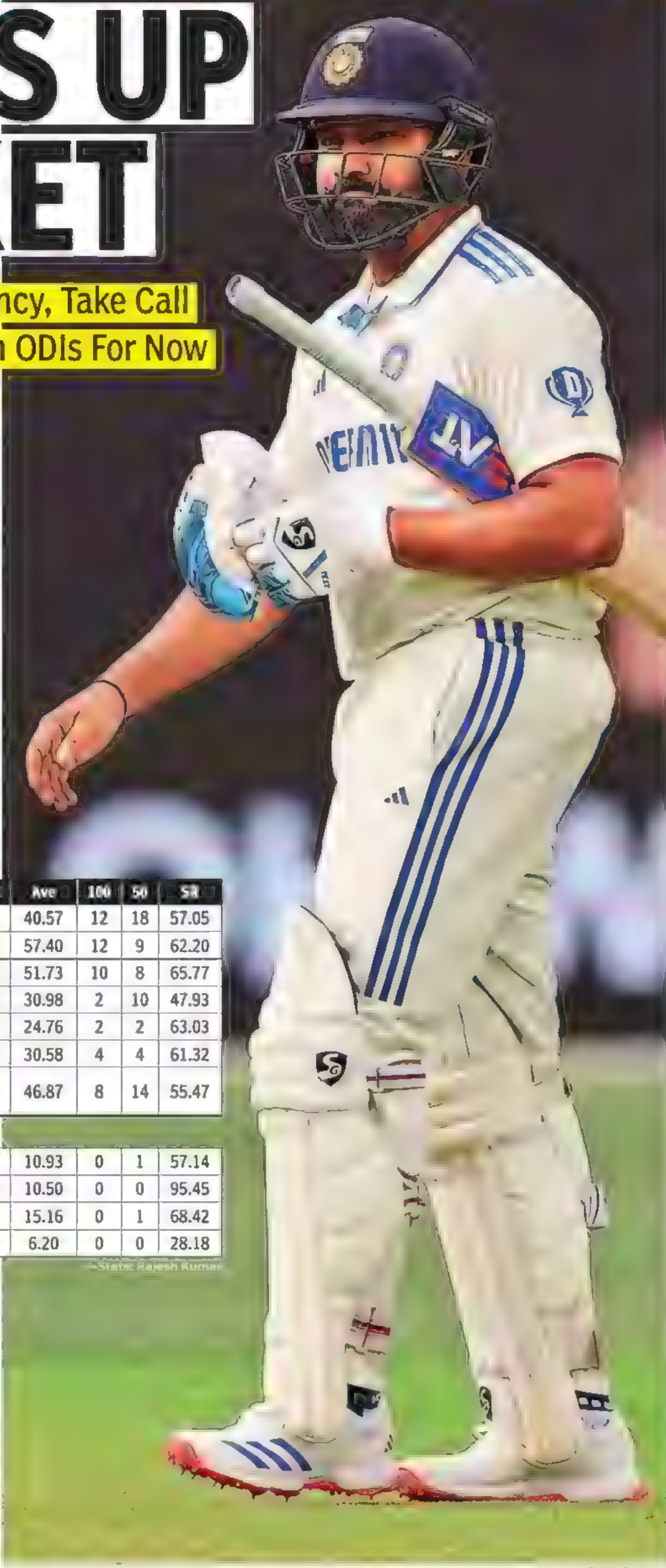
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Away	33	61	4	1766	127	30.98	2	10	47.93
In 2024	14	26	1	619	131	24.76	2	2	63.03
As captain	24	41	1	1254	131	30.58	4	4	61.32
When not captain	43	74	9	3047	212	46.87	8	14	55.47

POOR RUN IN LAST 3 SERIES

	8	15	0	164	52	10.93	0	1	57.14
vs Bang. 2024	2	4	0	42	23	10.50	0	0	95.45
vs NZ 2024	3	6	0	91	52	15.16	0	1	68.42
vs Aus 2024	3	5	0	31	10	6.20	0	0	28.18

gling to put up performances in SENA countries, and Pant also enduring a poor phase, the selectors face a tough task of taking a decisive call.

"Gill has been groomed as a long-term leader for a while. But the selectors are wary of his record away from home. With Pant going through a lean patch, the selectors may not want to burden him with more responsibility. The selectors have been considering a drastic step like South Africa did with Graeme Smith in 2003," the source said.



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2 With his 177 at Eden Gardens & 111* at Wankhede Stadium, both vs West Indies in Nov 2013, Rohit became just the second Indian player after Sourav Ganguly and the fifth overall to hit two centuries in his first two Test innings.

1 Rohit is the only batter to hit his first 12 Test centuries in a winning cause.

1 Rohit is the only opener to hit centuries in his first two Test innings, in the first Test vs SA in Vizag in 2019. —Stats: Rajesh Kumar

PBKS-MI tie may be shifted to Mumbai

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Mumbai: Operation Sindoore has impacted the ongoing IPL. The 3:30pm match on May 11 between Punjab Kings (PBKS) and Mumbai Indians (MI), scheduled to be held at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium in Dharamshala, is likely to be moved to Mumbai due to logistical constraints. The Dharamshala airport, located in HP, not far from the Pakistan border, remains closed until May 10.

The closure of the airport forced the MI squad — set to travel to Dharamshala on Wednesday — to delay its travel plans. Thus, star MI player and India's T20 batsman

Suryakumar Yadav was seen attending the T20 Mumbai auction in the city on Wednesday.

Sources said the PBKS vs Delhi Capitals match scheduled for Thursday in Dharamshala remains "on track" for now, although rain may affect play. "Unless there is an advisory from the BCCI stating otherwise, both Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals are scheduled to practice on Wednesday and play their match on Thursday," said a source. "However, the May 11 game is set to be rescheduled due to logistical issues," he added.

A Punjab Kings official told TOI, "It's business as usual. There's no change in the schedule (for Thursday's match) as of now."

He also confirmed that the Delhi Capitals squad had arrived in Dharamshala.

DC FACE PBKS IN MUST-WIN CLASH

Dharamshala: Delhi Capitals will be desperate to arrest their slump and stay in contention for the playoffs when they take on a high-flying Punjab Kings in a crucial IPL match here on Thursday.



DC have endured three losses and a no result due to rain in their last five games, and are currently placed fifth on the table. They had a disappointing time at home, managing just one win — that too via a Super Over. A team that won its first four matches would have hoped that a change of venue would bring a change in fortune, but DC's batting unit disintegrated against SRH in their last game in Hyderabad before rain washed out the contest. **PH**

IPL PLAYOFFS SCENARIO

CSK, RR and SRH are already out of contention. GT, RCB and PBKS are almost sure to make the knock-out stage. MI and DC still have an even chance while LSG and KKR have slim chances. So, nothing is for sure yet for any of the 7 remaining in the race. We look at the probabilities

TEAM	CHANCES (%) OF MAKING OR TYING FOR TOP-4	CHANCES (%) OF MAKING OR TYING FOR TOP-2
RCB	99.7%	76.1%
GT	99.3%	74.7%
PBKS	90.2%	44.5%
MI	62%	15.9%
DC	58.2%	14.8%
LSG	8.6%	0.1%
KKR	2.1%	0%

How we arrive at the probabilities: There are 8,192 possible combinations of results remaining with 13 games to go. For each team, we looked at how many end up among the top four, either singly or tied. We also looked at how many combinations put each team in top two. For instance, GT finish in the top four in 8,136 of the possible combinations of match outcomes, translating to a 99.3% chance. In 6,120 of them they end up first or second, translating to a 74.7% chance.

'Poor finish with bat, not Chahar's last over, cost MI'

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Mumbai: Losing the match in the last over against Gujarat Titans didn't haunt Mahela Jayawardene as much as the way Mumbai Indians choked while batting.

The MI head coach was especially upset with how the team performed in the last 10 overs, scoring just 66 runs and losing six wickets. MI lost Suryakumar Yadav, Will Jinks and Hardik Pandya in a span of 12 balls, with the score at 106/5 in 12.3 overs and then added only 49 runs thereafter.

"We didn't play to our best, especially with the bat. We were set up nicely and just had to bat through the last eight overs, which we didn't do smartly. We were probably 30 runs short on that wicket," said Jayawardene. The defeat means MI will now need to win their remaining two matches, against Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals — both still in the playoff race — to be assured of a knockout berth.

Asked about the decision to give Deepak Chahar the final over instead of Hardik Pandya or someone else, Jayawardene said, "Deepak did that job for us when 'Booms (Bumrah)' wasn't there at the start of the tournament. He was good, our main bowler. It's easier to ask me that question and for me to say, 'yeah, maybe Hardik.' Had Hardik gone for three sixes, you might've asked me why I didn't bowl Deepak. I don't like to go there. It wasn't the decision (to pick Chahar for the final over), it was the execution. And that's not where we lost the game. My thinking is that we lost the game when we had control of it."

Brevis hits 22-ball fifty as CSK escape to victory

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Kolkata: Kolkata Knight Riders' hopes of making the play-offs hung by a thread as they suffered a two-wicket defeat to Chennai Super Kings in their last league match here at the Eden Gardens on Wednesday.

The defending champions have only themselves to blame as they allowed the bottom-placed team CSK, chasing 180 to win, escape to victory even after reducing them to 62/5 at the end of the Powerplay.

With 11 points from 12 matches, KKR, with two more away games to play, can at best finish with 15 points. However, they will then have to wait for other results to go in their favour to progress. The match tilted in CSK's favour in the 11th over when Dewald Brevis cut loose, collecting 30 runs off Vaibhav Arora, hitting three sixes and three fours to



Pradip Datta

IMPRESSIVE KNOCK: Dewald Brevis in action on Wednesday

race to his 50 off 22 balls.

But it was poor game reading by the South African youngster as he fell trying to clear Varun Chakravarty in the very next over when the asking rate was just a little over a run-a-ball.

But in spite of being nowhere near his best, no one knows how to negotiate such

a situation better than Mahendra Singh Dhoni. The CSK skipper and impact player Shivam Dube kept the scoreboard ticking without taking unnecessary risk. CSK then needed 40 runs in the last 30 balls.

Dube found the occasional boundaries as the duo brought the side back to winning path after four consecutive defeats, getting 183 for eight with two balls to spare.

Earlier, the CSK spinners

SCOREBOARD

KKR: R Gurbaz c Noor b Kamboj 11, S Narine st Dhoni b Noor 26, A Rahane c Conway b Jadeja 48, A Raghuvanshi c Dhoni b Noor 1, M Pandey not out 36, A Russell c Brevis b Noor 38, R Singh c Mhatre b Noor 9, R not out 4; **Extras:** (lb4, w2) 6; **Total (6 wks):** 179; **ForW:** 1-11, 2-69, 3-71, 4-103, 5-149, 6-167; **Bowling:** Khalil 2-0-14-0, Kamboj 3-0-38-1, Ashwin 3-0-19-0, Noor 4-0-31-4, Jadeja 4-0-34-1, Pathirana 4-0-39-0, CSK: A Mhatre c Harshit b Arora 0, D

Conway b Ali 0, U Patel c Varun b Harshit 31, R Ashwin c Raghuvanshi b Harshit 8, R Jadeja b Chakravarty 19, D Brevis c Rinku b Chakravarty 52, S Dube c Rinku b Arora 45, MS Dhoni not out 17, N Ahmad c Rinku b Arora 2, A Kamboj not out 4; **Extras:** (lb1, w4) 5; **Total : (8 wickets in 19.4 overs):** 183; **ForW:** 1-0, 2-25, 3-37, 4-56, 5-60, 6-127, 7-170, 8-177; **Bowling:** Arora 3-0-48-3, Ali 2-0-23-1, Harshit 4-0-43-2, Chakravarty 4-0-18-2, Narine 4-0-28-0, Russell 2-4-0-22-0.

Result: CSK won by two wickets

broke the 58-run first-wicket stand between Rahane and Sunil Narine by having the latter struck by Dhoni off his first delivery. He followed it up by getting Angkrish Raghuvanshi caught behind off the fourth ball of the over.

However, Rahane and Manish Pandey tried to consolidate things by stitching together a 32-run fourth-wicket stand, but the KKR skipper fell playing a reverse sweep off

HOW THEY STAND

TEAM	M	W	L	NR	PTS
GT	11	8	3	0	0.793 16
RCB	11	8	3	0	0.482 16
PBKS	11	7	3	1	0.376 15
MI	12	7	5	0	1.156 14
DC	11	6	4	1	0.362 13
KKR	12	5	6	1	0.193 11
LSG	11	5	6	0	-0.469 10
SRH	11	3	7	1	-1.192 7
RR	12	3	9	0	-0.718 6
CSK	12	3	9	0	-0.992 6

141 Ravindra Jadeja has become the leading wicket-taker for CSK in the IPL. His tally being 141 (avg. 28.41) in 184 matches, overtaking Dwayne Bravo's 140 wickets at 22.47 in 116 games.

Ravindra Jadeja straight to Devon Conway at backward point. Rahane fell two runs short of his half-century.

Jemimah's blazing ton takes India to final

Colombo: Riding on Jemimah Rodrigues' career-best century and half-centuries from opener Smriti Mandhana and Deepti Sharma, India defeated a fighting South Africa by 23 runs to set up a title clash with Sri Lanka in the women's tri-nation ODI series here on Wednesday.

WOMEN'S TRI-SERIES

Rodrigues' stunning 123 off 101 balls, laced with 15 fours and a six, saw India post a huge 337/9 before the bowlers, led by pacer seamer Ajantha Kaur (3/59) and off-spinner Deepti Sharma (2/57) restricted the opponents to 314/7. This despite Annemie Derksen's fine 81-run knock and stand-in skipper Chloe Tryon's 67.

India ended their round-robin phase with six points

from four games. Sri Lanka, on the other hand, have four points from three games and could garner two more points if they beat South Africa on Friday. South Africa, after losing three consecutive games, are out of contention even though they have a match to go against Sri Lanka on Friday.

India's batting prowess came to the fore once again as they posted a 300-plus total, with 24-year-old Jemimah anchoring the team's innings with her second ODI hundred.

For South Africa, seamer Masabata Klaas (2/51) was the pick of the bowlers. **Brief scores:** India 337/9 in 50 overs (Jemimah Rodrigues 123, Deepti Sharma 93, Smriti Mandhana 51; Masabata Klaas 2/51, Nadine de Klerk 2/54) beat South Africa 314/7 in 50 overs (Annerie Derksen 81, Chloe Tryon 67; Ajantha Kaur 3/59, Deepti Sharma 2/57) by 23 runs.

Indian national in dope net at Kenya sports hub

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Bengaluru: The Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK) announced on Wednesday that they had confiscated banned drugs from an Indian national in Iten, Kenya's world-famous high-altitude training centre for long distance athletes.

"On May 5, ADAK, working hand in hand with sleuths drawn from the Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI), nabbed an illegal consignment of assorted performance enhancing substances in custody of an Indian national residing in Iten, Elgeyo Marakwet County.

"The raid was conducted following actionable intelligence indicating possible involvement in activities related to the distribution and use of the prohibited performance-enhancing substances,"

ADAK said in a press release.

"The raid, which was carried out at the suspect's premises, led to the discovery of and seizure of a range of prohibited substances banned under WADA code. Among the items recovered were human growth hormone (HGH), meldonium and mannitol, substances commonly associated with performance enhancement and prohibited in competitive sports. The presence of IV paraphernalia, including IV bags, syringes and needles — both used and unused — further pointed to possible doping practices," the ADAK said.

"The report was booked at Iten police station. Investigations are ongoing to establish the full scope of activities, including potential networks, clients and any violations of Kenya Anti-Doping Law and International Anti-Doping rules and regulations."

Chhetri continues, young Suhail Bhat gets a chance

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Panaji: India coach Manolo Marquez will continue to experiment with new striking options for the national team but it's hard to ignore veteran Sunil Chhetri. Chhetri has been included among the probabilities for the international friendly against Thailand (June 4) and the Asian Cup qualifier against Hong Kong (June 10).

India's most capped and highest goal scorer was coaxed out of retirement by coach Manolo for the Asian Cup 2027 qualifier against Bangladesh in March. He could not get on the score-sheet in the qualifier, but his presence on and off the field matters. Chhetri, 40, continues to be in impressive form, and proved himself with 14 goals in this season's ISL,

where he guided Bengaluru FC to the final.

Since taking charge of the national team last year in a dual club-and-country role, Manolo has tried several players upfront. He started with Kiyan Nassiri and Edmund Lalrindika,

then added Farukh Choudhary, all of whom failed to make it count. However, Irfan Yadwad continues to enjoy the confidence of the Spanish coach, while the latest list includes Suhail Bhat, the 20-year-old who caught the eye with his movements and two goals for Mohun Bagan Super Giant at the Super Cup.

India are in group C for the final round of the AFC Asian Cup 2027 qualifiers along with Bangladesh, Hong Kong and Singapore. The qualifiers are played in a home-and-away round robin format.

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CRAZY BOYS: Davide Frattesi won a tie for the ages under a downpour in Milan

Second final in three seasons: It took extra time, two astonishing comebacks and 13 goals to separate the Italian champions from a flashy, young Barcelona

INTER IS COMING!

Milan: Inter Milan are one victory away from Champions League redemption after Tuesday's chaotic, mesmerising win over Barcelona which propelled the Italians into their second final in three seasons. Simone Inzaghi's team had been in a fragile state in recent weeks after their treble bid went up in smoke, surrendering top spot in Serie A to Napoli and being dumped out of the Italian Cup by local rivals AC Milan. But beating star-studded Barca, and the incredible manner in which they did it, has completely changed the atmosphere at Inter who are now bullish about their chances of being crowned kings of Europe for the fourth time. Inter will take on either Arsenal or Paris Saint-Germain in Munich knowing their task will be nowhere near as difficult as it was two years ago, when they were narrowly beaten by possibly the best Manchester City team of the Pep Guardiola era. That single-goal defeat to City in Istanbul was a bitter one for Inter who felt they were the better team on the night. "We've been thinking about this since the day after we lost the last final," said captain Lautaro Martinez, almost sobbing. Inter have always had the reputation of being an anarchic, crazy club, as capa-

ble of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory as they are winning major titles. Their 7-6 triumph over Barca, which flipped one way and the next over the course of two barely believable legs, fully lived up to their nickname of "Pazza (mad) Inter". Martinez had been a doubt right until the eve of the match but recovered from a hamstring injury in time to both score and win a penalty which gave Inter their 2-0 half-time lead. "The first two days (after getting injured in the first leg) I just sat at home crying, but I promised my family that I would get on the pitch today." And Francesco Acerbi would ordinarily get a nose-bleed being as far forward as he was to send the tie into extra-time with his first ever Champions League goal, at 37 years old, just as it looked like Raphinha had sealed a stunning comeback win for Barca. The Catalans could barely believe what they were seeing when super-sub Davide Frattesi guided home his extra-time winner, frustrated at how their at times untouchable play failed to bear its expected fruit. If anything Tuesday's win felt like a mark of destiny for a grand old team who have had to battle desperate financial difficulties and an enforced change of ownership. AFP

There has been talk about Yamal, I have seen another extraordinary player who is De Jong. (But) I wouldn't change mine for anyone in the world." —Simone Inzaghi, INTER MILAN COACH

Yann Sommer made 14 saves across the two legs in total, the second most by any goalkeeper in a Champions League semi over the last 15 years. He was also 'player of the match'.

KEY MOMENTS

21'	Lautaro puts hosts into the lead
45+1'	Calhanoglu doubles advantage from the spot
54'	Eric Garcia volley offers Barcelona hope
57'	Sommer superbly denies Garcia a second
60'	Olmo heads Barca level
87'	Raphinha completes comeback for visitors
90+3'	Acerbi strikes at the death to force extra time
99'	Frattesi curls Inter back ahead
114'	Sommer's brilliant save denies Lamine Yamal

I was celebrating so much I was dizzy and nearly had a blackout. I thought after the Bayern game I couldn't ever feel the same emotions, but tonight was even more incredible. I wasn't blessed with incredible talent, but I am the last to give up and first to believe." —SUPERSTAR Davide Frattesi

Heartbroken Barca take pride in stellar show

Milan: Hansi Flick's brilliant young Barcelona side won hearts and re-established themselves at Europe's top table, but fell agonisingly short of reaching the Munich final after one of the competition's greatest semifinals. Dusting themselves down from their painful elimination, Barca will take pride in knowing the club are closer than ever to ending their decade-long drought in the continent's premier competition. For the first time since 2019 the Catalans made the final four, but they were dreaming of more — a first Champions League trophy since 2015 and a potential quadruple. "The players deserve respect, but we are playing to win trophies," said Flick, not content with merely restoring Barcelona's status among the elite.

With the wizardry of Lamine Yamal, the goals of Raphinha and brains of Pedri, pulling strings in midfield, Barca have enough to end their wait for the trophy in the post-Lionel Messi era. An inspired Yann Sommer, a shaky Barca defence missing injured regulars Jules Kounde and Alejandro Balde, and Inter's experience ensured they did not. "Of course (something special) has started, but we're not at the end — we had a really huge defeat now," said Flick. Barcelona were two minutes away from booking their flights to Munich on the night at the San Siro in the pouring rain, but Francesco Acerbi's 93rd minute strike forced extra-time before Davide Frattesi won it for the hosts.

Arguably the best player in both legs was 17-year-old Yamal, but he showed his inexperience in stoppage time before Acerbi struck. Ram-paging down the right, Yamal crashed a shot against the post when he might have headed for the corner flag. In the first-half 18-year-old Pau Cubarsi, another graduate of Barcelona's La Masia academy, conceded a penalty with a risky challenge on Lautaro Martinez. "We have a young team and we will improve of course," Flick said. "We'll be back," Yamal wrote on Instagram. "I will fulfil my promise and bring (the Champions League) to Barcelona." AFP

Semifinal 2nd leg: INTER MILAN 4 (Martinez 21', Calhanoglu 45+1' (p), Acerbi 90+3', Frattesi 99') BARCELONA 3 (Garcia 54', Olmo 60', Raphinha 87') Inter win after extra time on aggregate (7-6)

Most goals in a CL KO tie: 7-6 This was the joint-highest scoring CL knockout tie ever. ● Inter 7-6 Barcelona (2024-25 semifinals) ● Liverpool 7-6 Roma (2017-18 semifinals) ● Bayern Munich 12-1 Sporting (2008-09, last 16)



67 There were a total of 67 goals scored in Barcelona's 14 CL matches this season.

2015 Barca last played in a CL final in 2015, when a team led by Messi won the club's fifth trophy.

WE HAVE ANOTHER FINAL ON SUNDAY AND WE HAVE TO WIN TOGETHER." — BARCELONA'S Lamine Yamal ON THE LA LIGA CLASICO 'DECIDER'

We are a young side and we have to mature. We have to improve in defence and in other aspects. This game is over and now we have to pick ourselves up and look ahead as we have the Clasico coming up. I will wake the team up. "I don't want to talk too much about the referee, but every decision that was 50-50 went (Inter's) way." — Hansi Flick, BARCA COACH

"I'm very happy, we played an incredible match. Which save will I remember? The last one on Lamine Yamal. He is a great player and fortunately it didn't go in. Many teams would have given up after going down 3-2 but we didn't, and managed to come back." — Yann Sommer, INTER GOALKEEPER

Bodo/Glimt have a secret weapon

Located north of the Arctic Circle and needing to deal with brutal weather conditions, Norwegian team Bodo/Glimt has an artificial playing field that's built to handle just about anything. Including much bigger rivals. That could be bad news for Tottenham Hotspur when the teams meet in the Europa League semi-final second leg. Spurs lead 3-1, but that advantage could look slender once play gets underway at the Aspmyr Stadion in the fishing town of Bodo. It is that artificial surface that seems to be such a leveller for teams unused to playing in Arctic conditions.

Evangelos Marinakis, president of Greek team Olympiakos, was critical after a 3-0 defeat in the Europa League in March, saying "we played on a pitch that is not like other European stadiums". Such pitches were banned in England in 1988 due to higher rates of injuries and inconsistent playability. But UEFA allows approved artificial pitches to be used up to and including the semis.

Both Athletic Bilbao wing-ers, brothers Nico and Inaki Williams, will miss the second leg of in the other semifinal at Manchester United. AP

Five kilos of fish for a ticket A Norwegian bartered five kilos of semi-dried fish for a ticket to Thursday's match. Some 50,000 fans were vying for just 480 tickets to the second leg of Bodo/Glimt's Europa League semifinal. REUTERS

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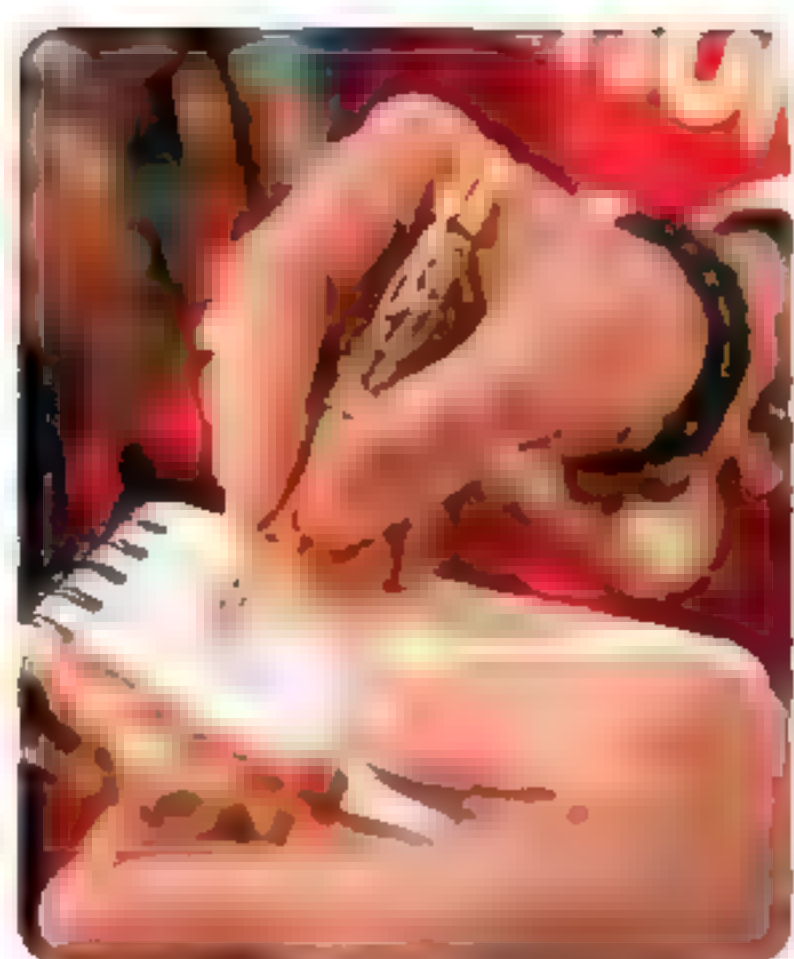
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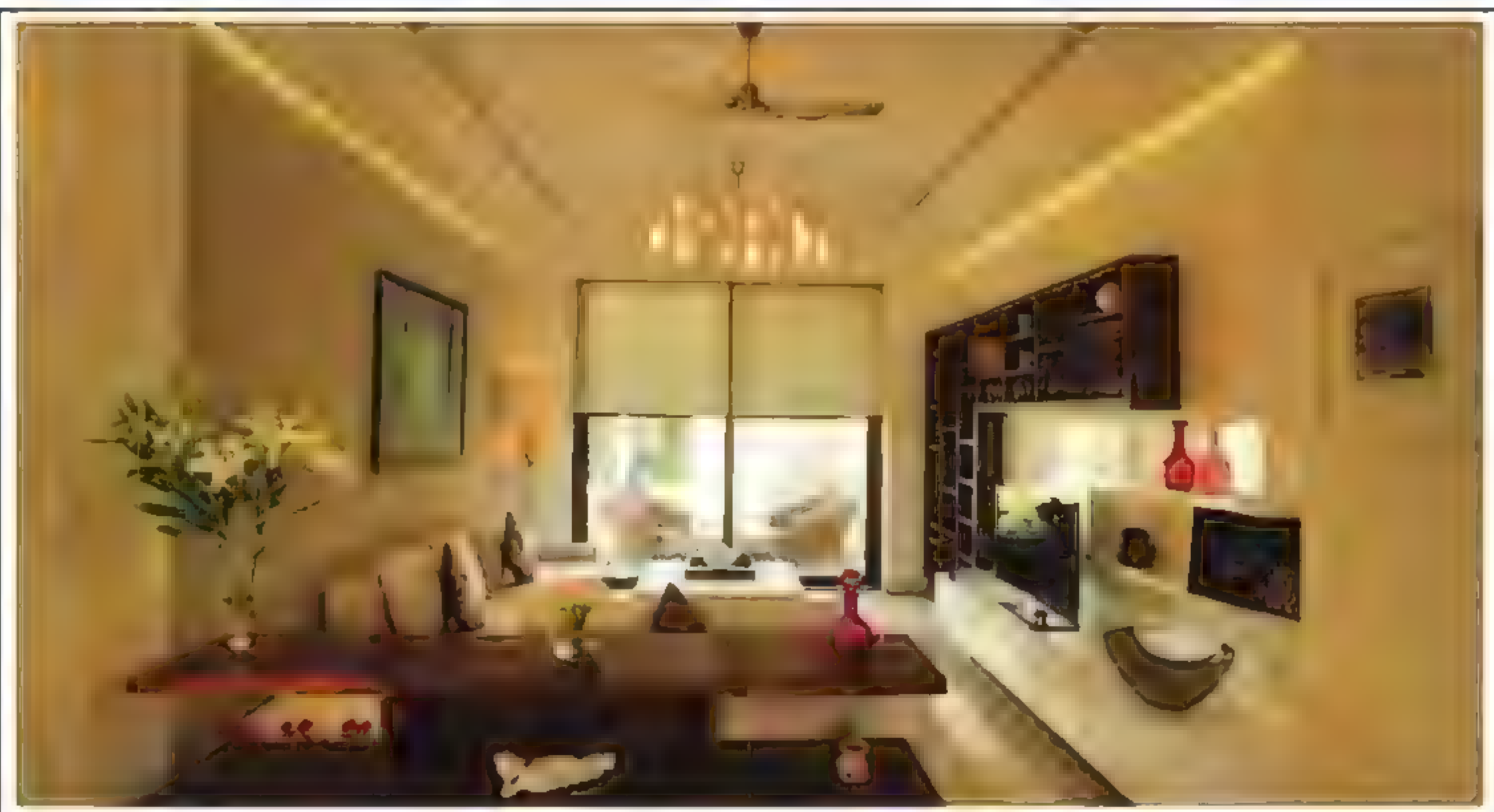


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PAHALGAM'S AVENGERS

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The much-anticipated mock drills across the country were preceded by more real action, soon after midnight on the 7th, as the Indian Armed Forces gave a calibrated military response to the Pahalgam massacre. After Indian missiles struck their intended targets, the LoC heated up with cross-border firing. As it always has, the national sentiment stood firmly with the forces. Amidst the sense of retribution and cheer, some also hoped there wouldn't be an escalation, now that the message had been decisively delivered

'THIS IS THE REAL TRIBUTE'

This is the real tribute to my husband. Wherever my husband is, he will be at peace today (sic)
- Aishanya Dwivedi, wife of late Shubham Dwivedi who was killed in the Pahalgam terror attack

India has avenged the Pahalgam attack through these air strikes. I was extremely emotional after hearing the name (Sindoor) of the mission. The loss of husbands and fathers was not left in vain. India has paid actual homage to the victims by striking. I want to thank for the justice served within 15 days (sic)

- Asavari Jagdale, daughter of Santosh Jagdale, who was killed in the Pahalgam terror attack

A proud India stands united with its armed forces. This is the resolute response of a strong nation that will not be divided by cowardly acts of terror. I applaud the decisive and strategic military action taken by (the) Government of India. Jai Hind
- Kamal Haasan

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In an unexpected moment, a military briefing became a national unifier. As Wing Commander Vyomika Singh and Colonel Sofiya Qureshi led the briefing on Operation Sindoor, viewers were impressed by Col Qureshi's "calm authority" and called it a reminder of what "a united India" truly looks like.

While Wing Commander Vyomika Singh is a distinguished helicopter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF), Colonel Sofiya Qureshi is a decorated officer of the Indian Army's Corps of Signals.

Operation Sindoor was launched to give justice to victims of Pahalgam terrorist attack. Nine terrorist camps were targeted and destroyed



COL SOFIYA QURESHI



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I don't know why it hit me so hard, but watching Col Sofia Qureshi briefing the nation on #OperationSindoor, my eyes welled up. Not in pain, but in pride. This is the India I believe in, where duty speaks louder than division and a uniform unites more than any identity ever could.

#IndiaPakistanWar #ColSofiyaQureshi

- Mohd Shadab Khan on X

India has demonstrated considerable restraint in its response. However, the Indian Armed Forces are fully prepared to respond to a Pakistani misadventure, if any, to escalate the situation

'DON'T POST ARMED FORCES' MOVEMENT VIDEOS ON SOCIALS'



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A few days ago, Lt Gen KJS Dhillon (ret'd) posted an advisory on X, suggesting citizens avoid posting videos of the movement of the Army, Air Force, and Navy convoys. He wrote, "If you see any movement of Indian Army, Air Force, or Naval troops/vehicles through your town or city, please don't make any videos or reels and NOT post them on social media. You may be unintentionally helping the enemy (sic)."

The proliferation of social media and instant-sharing culture often leads users to post content without realising the implications.

A user on X (@PulsebyShinde) commented on the tweet, "A reminder that patriotism isn't content," which serves as a reminder that citizens must not post sensitive content on social media for mere likes and traction. Another user (@utmost4highest) wrote, "Safeguarding our nation is a collective duty... Even a small post can have serious consequences."

Just say a prayer for every soldier, pilot, airman, sailor and everyone in armed forces, who are standing tall and brave and fighting for us. It's their valour and sacrifices that ensures we are safe. They might have tough days ahead, and need our support and love

- Maj Manik M Jolly, SM, on X

'WAR IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT'

War - whether declared or simmering - is never easy. Behind the headlines and hashtags, there's a truth that doesn't make it to the news: lives are at stake. Not just numbers. Not just uniforms. Lives. We've already lost too many
- An officer's wife in a post on Instagram

Operation Sindoor. A soldier remembers. A citizen responds. Here's how you serve your country today - no uniform needed:

- Stand in absolute solidarity with our armed forces. Speak with pride, not panic
- Engage responsibly online. No sarcasm, no unverified forwards. Let truth and respect guide your words

- Don't seek or share military movements. Silence, here, is patriotism
- Extend honour to every soldier you meet. A seat. A smile. A thank you. Let them feel seen
- Reject hate speech. Terror divides. India must not
- Support families of soldiers - through actions, funds, or prayers. Let them feel the nation standing behind them

- Teach your children what courage looks like - not in blood, but in dignity
- Stay calm. Stay united. Because that is how strong nations rise
- This is our time to hold the line - Not at the border, but in our words, our wisdom, our grace. Jai Hind. (sic)

- Kargil war veteran Major Vandana Sharma on Insta

War is not a spectator sport. My dad was part of the Kargil War and I vividly remember how I felt (very similar to the 100s of other children & families who were in this situation too where this was not an abstract thing but very real). It is pretty easy to sit within the comfort of your home & cheer and trivialise destruction + propose solutions to complex geopolitical situations. If you are not truly an expert, do humanity a favour and spare us your hot takes (memes & jokes too) (sic)
- Rashi Kakkar on X

Did You Know?

Saoirse Ronan was the first choice to play Scarlet Witch in Avengers

Saoirse Ronan was the first choice to play Scarlet Witch in the Avengers franchise – not Elizabeth Olsen. Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige had mentioned in interviews that Ronan was their “prototype” for the role, though she ultimately declined the offer.



I need to be the new Black James Bond: A\$AP Rocky

Rapper A\$AP Rocky, who is set to share screen-space with veteran star Denzel Washington in an upcoming action film, has opened up on wanting to play “the new Black James Bond”. During an interview with *Variety*, Rocky also mentioned that he would love to collaborate with his partner Rihanna, with whom he’s expecting his third child.

On being asked if he would like to star in more action movies given that he pulled off some of his own stunts for the upcoming film *Highest 2 Lowest*, Rocky, who is expecting his third child with Rihanna, said, “I’m down for whatever. I think I need to be the new Black James Bond. Like, why not? Right now I’m in dad mode; you’re gonna have to give me a couple months (sic).” The American rapper was

then asked if he would like to work with Rihanna in a film, to which he replied, “Hell, yeah”. While Rocky said he “can’t give away” if he would like to star in a romance with her, he did state that he would “more than likely” direct it. Agencies

I’m always gonna be a student, a fan: A\$AP Rocky on working with Denzel Washington

Rocky also gushed to *Variety* about his experience working with Washington on their upcoming film – a reinterpretation of Akira Kurosawa’s 1963 crime thriller *High and Low* – calling it “a dream come true.” Rocky said, “I’m always gonna be a student and a fan of certain people, and I’m always going to give them their flowers. I’m never going to be too big to be able to say that I had to hold my composure from not fanning out.”



Enjoy every minute: Bonnie to cast of new Harry Potter series

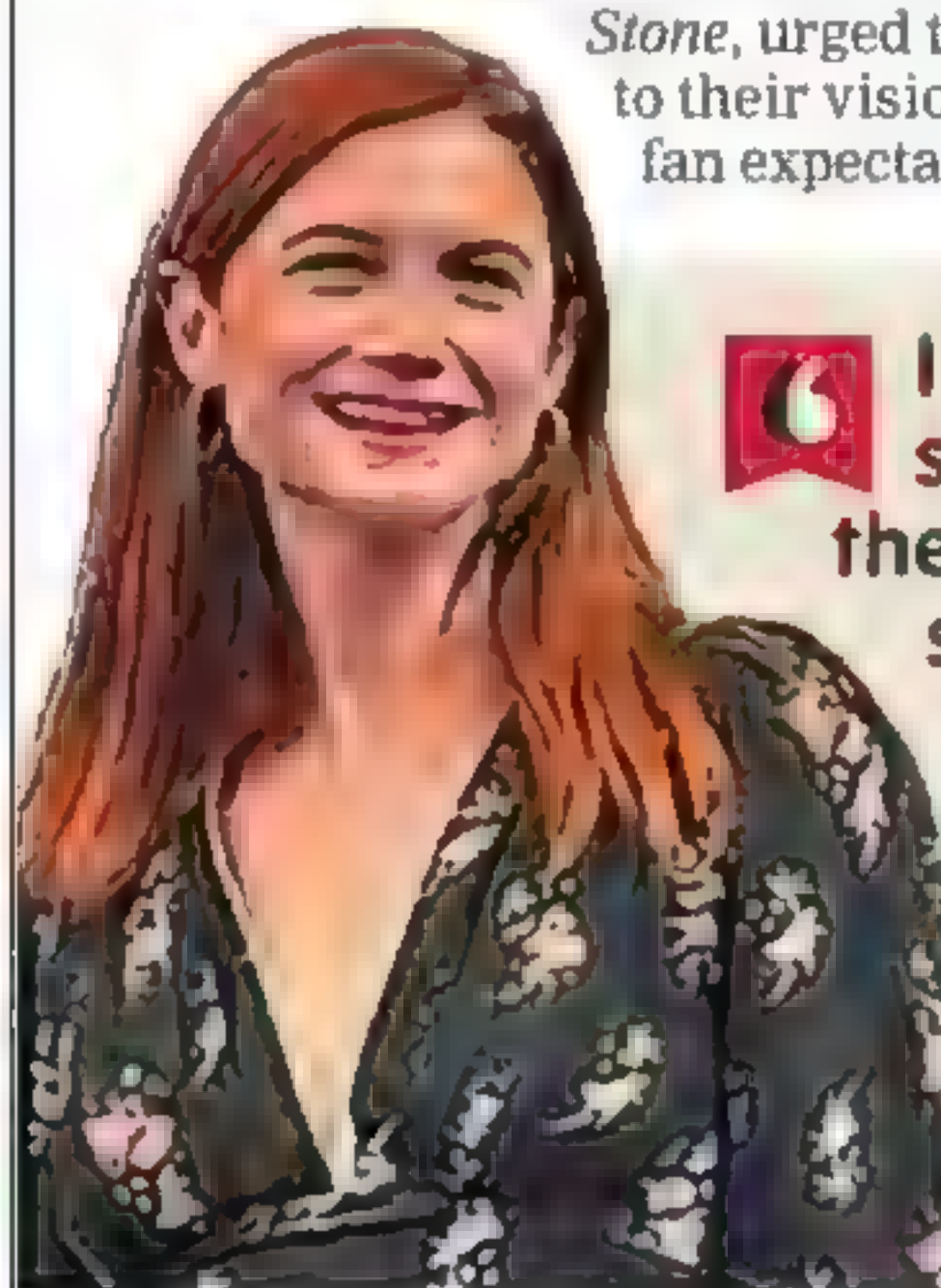


Bonnie Wright, who played Ginny Weasley in the *Harry Potter* films, has urged the new cast to “enjoy every minute of it.” Speaking to *People*, the 34-year-old shared the advice she would give the next Ginny and other actors in the upcoming seven-season reboot of JK Rowling’s series.

She told the magazine, “I think every actor stepping into all the roles, I hope, they really go from the book and take their interpretation of the characters from the book as the original source of material. And I hope that they do what they wanna do and make their character who they envision it to be. And I think that’s what’s cool, that other people can give Ginny’s character and all the others new life. I guess the only thing I’d say is like, be present in the moment.”

Bonnie, who was nine when she first played Ginny in the 2001 film *Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone*, urged the showrunners to stay true to their vision and not be weighed down by fan expectations. Agencies

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School Buzz

NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION



NK Bagrodia Public School, Rohini hosted its most awaited inter-school mega fest, ‘Dharohar – Our Planet, Our Legacy’. A warm welcome address was delivered by school principal, Prashant Parashar B. The school welcomed member of the managing committee, Dinesh Kumar Gupta, special invitee, Manju Gupta, director, Dr Rajeev N Kumar and 12 eminent judicators. Over 300 students from various

schools participated in it. A school choir featured Hamari Dharohar, an original composition by the music teacher, Lovekesh. In her keynote address, Rajeev N Kumar inspired students to view the preservation of Earth as a collective mission. The show-stealer of the day was ‘The Unheard Scrap Symphony’, a where students created music using non-musical items. The fest featured six competitions. The rolling trophy was awarded to Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh. School headmistress Jyotsana Sharma proposed the vote of thanks.

Springdales Junior School, Pusa Road held an inter-house football tournament. Eight houses vied for the top positions under the guidance of sports teachers Jyoti Kaul and Seema Kapoor and coaches Yash Sharma



and Puneet Singh. In the final match, Amity house won the first position. School headmistress Soma Banerjee gave away the certificates to both the teams

New Era School, Ghaziabad organised a two-day SSM Memorial tournament. A total number of 85 teams from schools of Ghaziabad, NCR participated in it. The opening of



the tournament was done in the presence of director Dr Mamta Malik, management head Avi Malik, Neev head Aarushi Malik and principal Dr Kiran Dilwal. The participating teams took part in the inter-school basketball, volleyball and football tournaments. The basketball tournament saw Nehru World School, Ghaziabad Team A as the winner. In the girls team, Seth Anandram Jaipuria,

Vasundhara was the winner. Volleyball saw M H Public School as the winner in both, boys & girls categories. In the football tournament, Aster Public School marked its victory in U-14 category

DPS International, Saket hosted the English language debate competition ‘Point Counterpoint 2025’ under the aegis of the DPS Society. Vrinda Sarup, member of the DPS society, was chief guest was welcomed by school principal Savani Rao. The competition was designed over three levels yielding the final top 10 teams. These 10 teams battled it out in the final round where they were given a topic on the spot. DPS Sail Township Ranchi emerged the winner with one of their speakers Darshit Pandit emerging as the best speaker too.



LEISURE

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

		8			3			
2	3	8		4	9		5	
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	2					3		
			7	5				
	4					6		
6		4		1			3	
7	1	5		6	8		4	
		2			1			

HOW TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column, every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can’t change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

TIMES HITORI

HOW TO PLAY

1. A number may appear just once in each row or column. Eliminate repeat numbers by darkening cells. (see example)
2. Darkened cells must never be adjacent in a row or column.
3. Unmarked cells must create a single continuous area, undivided by darkened cells.
4. Every time you darken a cell, you can automatically circle its vertical and horizontal neighbours, which means they cannot be eliminated.
5. Any cell “sandwiched” between neighbours of the same value can be circled. (e.g. 6 4 6)
6. A “triple” is a special case of sandwich. Circle the centre cells, and darken the ends. (e.g. 6 6 6)

6	6	6	9	6	8	2	7
1	3	4	2	5	6	2	7
1	4	4	1	5	7	5	3
2	7	9	8	1	2	4	2
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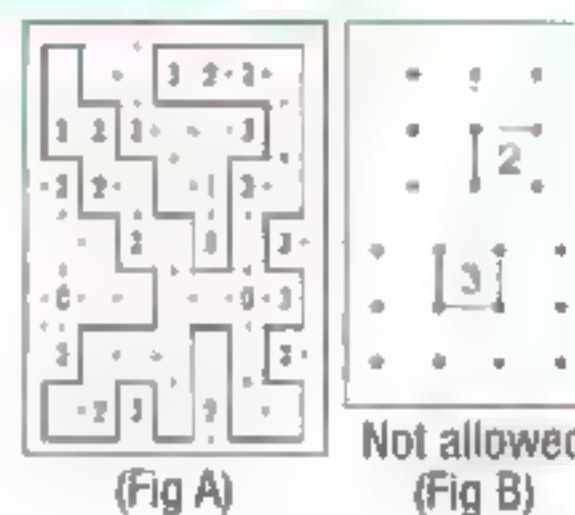
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1	6	6	4	4	3	5	7
7	8	4	6	2	3	3	7
6	4	5	2	3	5	7	1

Example

RULES

- Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A).
- Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B).
- Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines.
- You can’t draw lines around zeroes.
- Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

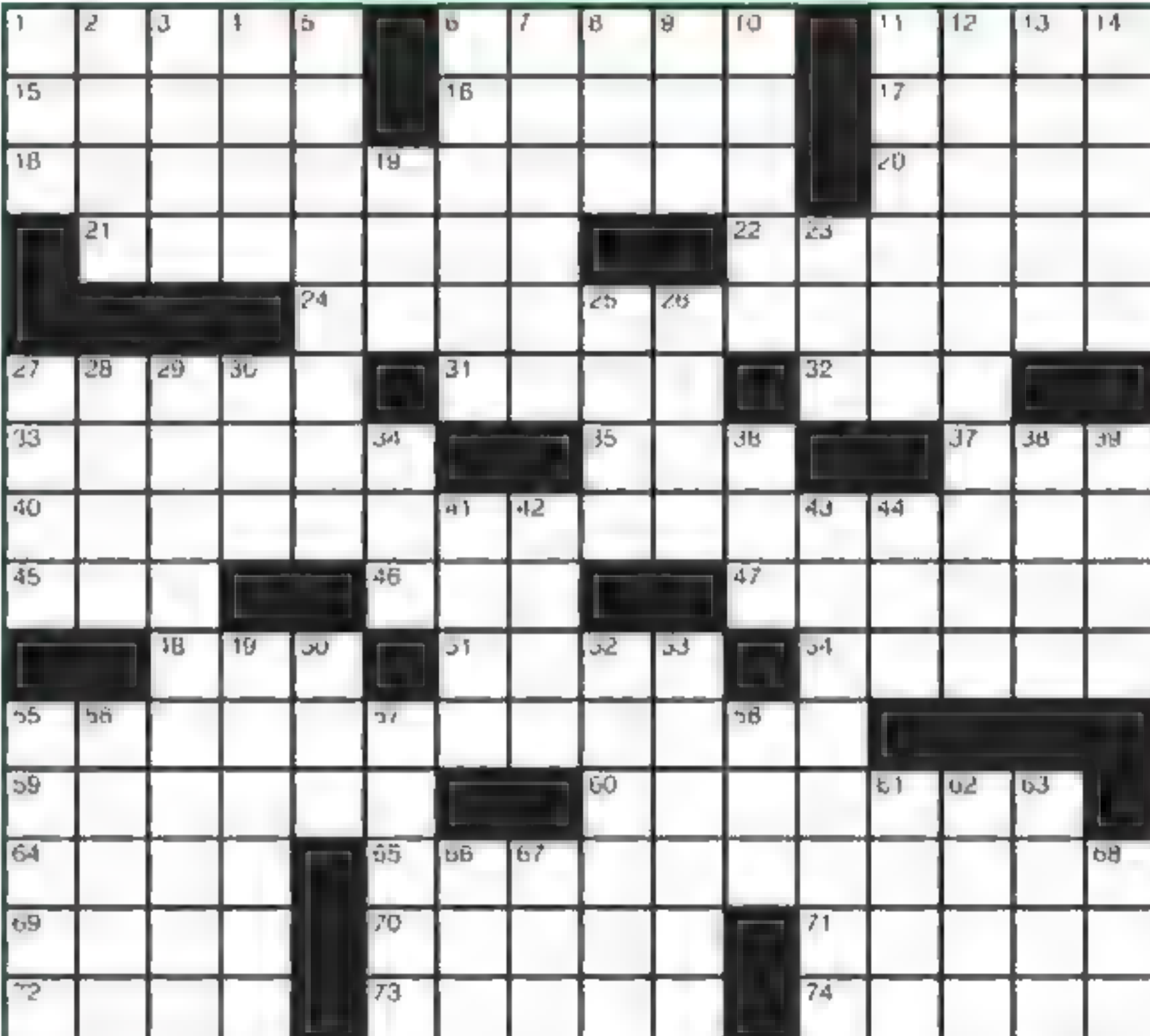
LOOP THE LOOP



HOW TO BEGIN:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn’t possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend (Fig B).

THE DAILY CROSSWORD



By Doug Peterson

08/05/2025

ACROSS

- Worthless stuff
- Eyewear, informally
- Sacred Egyptian bird
- Zing
- Prepare to start a hole
- Slam
- Chimp aboard a rocket, say
- Luxury hotel chain
- Pink pencil parts
- Beat on eBay
- Entertainment systems sold with controllers
- Calico’s outdoor enclosure
- Walk of Fame symbol
- Furrow mark
- Nuts in a chipmunk’s hoard
- TV hosts
- Flock sound
- Storage area in a dashboard
- Hearty laugh
- Goose Island brew, for short
- Put on the right track
- The Addams Family cousin
- “Tell Mama” singer James
- Analyze for purity
- Garage employee
- Attack vigorously
- Ancient musicians
- Dutch painter Frans
- Kinks hit about the local palais, and what can be found in the answers to the starred clues?
- Awards acronym
- Chess grand master Krush
- “Later, ___!”
- Damp at dawn
- Eccentric gp.
- Madeleine of

Wednesday’s Puzzle Solved

I	M	A	M	P	R	E	P		B	O	B	A
N	A	D	A	S	A	G	A	S	U	R	A	L
C	R	A	C	K	I	N	G	U	P	M	A	O
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“Revenge”

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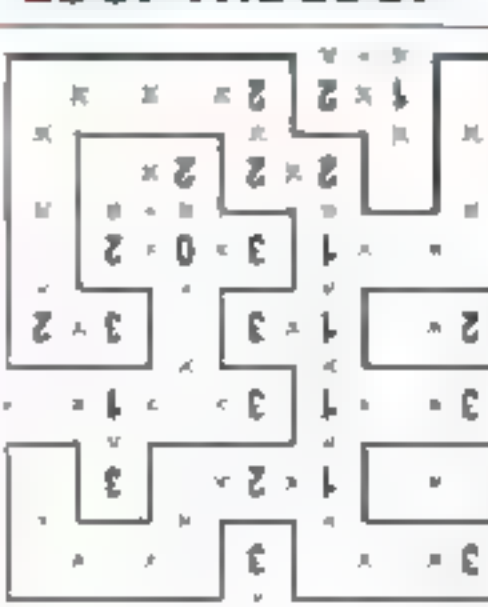
- Green Day album released between “Juno!” and “Tre!”
- Rock climber’s line
- Actor Epps
- Pet adoption org.
- Hall & Oates soul ballad
- Blizzards, e.g.
- Gift for writing?
- “Yikes!”
- Actor’s alert
- Track with malware, say
- “Same here!”
- Fuzzy pollinators
- Concave navel
- Slides after braking
- culpa
- Shove to a seat, slangily
- David
- Apex predator in the ocean
- Evasive
- Free speech advocacy gp.
- Didn’t rush
- Music producer Gotti
- Bio or chem
- Hill show letters
- “Pushing Daisies” actress Friel
- Legal dept. staffer
- Intl. crude cartel
- 42 SAT section
- Copies made with see-through sheets
- Grafton’s “___ for Malice”
- Warm and comfy
- “OMG, no more details!”
- Knack
- Very soon now
- Oohed and
- Water bill statistic
- Spanish folk hero
- NPR host Flatow
- “Beat It”
- Bandleader Puente
- Globe flakes in a clear globe
- Guadalajara gold
- Univ. near Harvard
- Univ. senior’s test

SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES

TIMES SUDOKU

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6	9	9	2	5	1	6	2	
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4	2							

LOOP THE LOOP



TIMES HITORI

2	8	6	5	1	6	
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SPELLATION

game, MESSAGE, sage

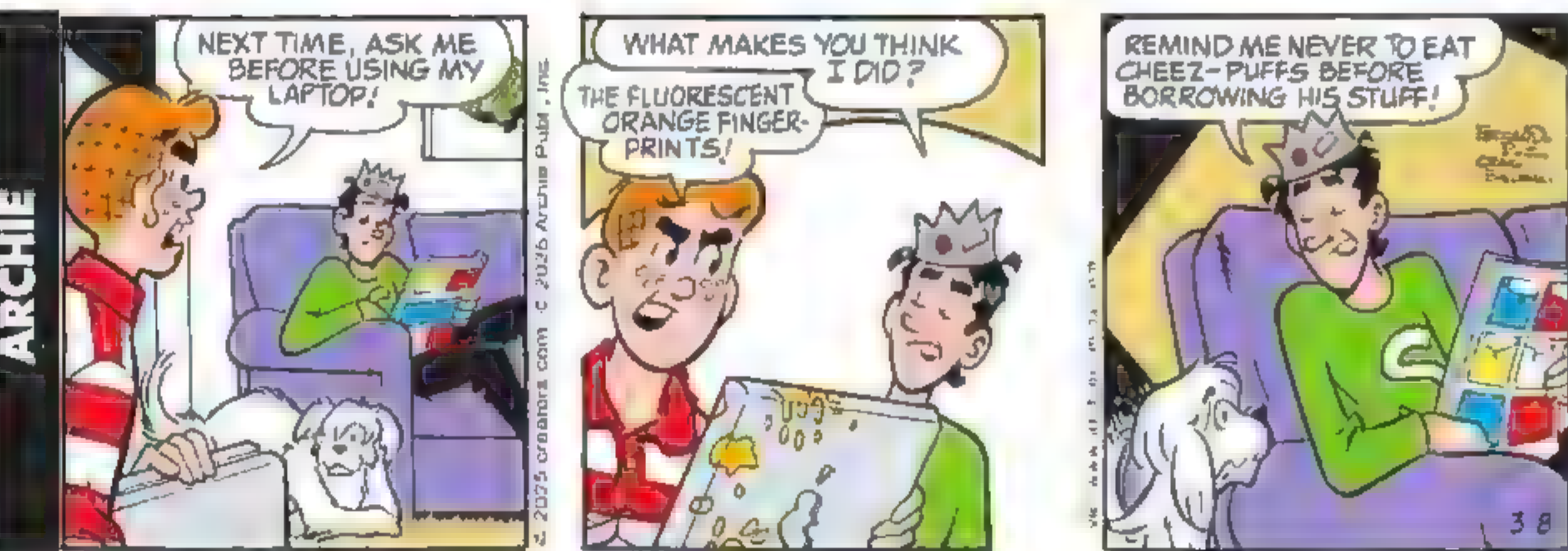
SCRAMBLE

Answer: Find a priest who understands English and doesn’t look like Rishabh - Aristotle Onassis

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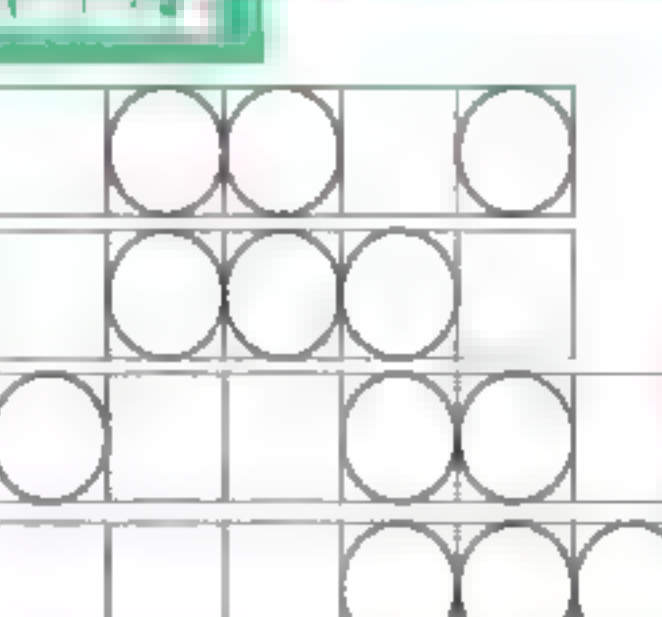


REARRANGE

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NYIOS
EESLNT
ABCKPU

HOW TO PLAY

Now arrange the letters in the circles to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing word as indicated



Find a priest who understands English and doesn’t like ___ - Aristotle Onassis (4,8)

EVENTS

EXHIBITION
KNMA: Mary Magdalene in Ecstasy by Caravaggio. Till May 18, 10:30am-6:30pm. KNMA
India Habitat Centre: Sacred Symmetry A solo exhibition by Honey Gupta. Today, 10am-6pm. Convention Centre Floor, IHC

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ARIES: You’re either

eager to get back to work after what might have proved a draining weekend or else you’re on holiday. You’re excited and animated at the prospect of what now lies in store. You need to slow things down a little. **TAURUS:** Efforts to change certain situations will wake you up and bring you back to reality. Think twice before you speak. An important person will be listening to you. You have the ability to spread a little magic everywhere you go. **GEMINI:** You should welcome the intrusion of a healthier perspective. Career focus will shed some light on ways to learn more about yourself. Your senses will take you for the ride of a lifetime. **CANCER:** You may get caught up on seeing and commenting on the negative aspects of life. Someone close to you will share a helpful hint on how to build a harmonious atmosphere. You will have to replace the compulsion with something that you have more control. Keep things simple. **LEO:** You may need to hide your true feelings behind a guise of smiles. You have the ability to reach past all the negative thinking. Time and schedules need to be fine tuned. This is a day that will be highlighted by numerous events. **VIRGO:** You will feel the need to take time out today to appreciate the way things are around you at work place. Begin to take on more responsibility. There will be something better coming soon. Get in touch with old friends. **LIBRA:** You must also focus on the more pleasurable things. Your friends and family are the most

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World's rarest waters put to the test in Atlanta



The world's finest waters took centre stage at the Fine Water Summit 2025, held in Atlanta's Buckhead district. Led by renowned water sommelier Dr Michael Mascha, the three-day event brought together connoisseurs, sustainability experts, and luxury bottled water brands to explore the artistry and science behind premium bottled drinking water.

One of the highlights of the summit was the 2025 Taste & Design Awards. It was judged by five certified water sommeliers based on the waters' taste profiles (still, sparkling, light, medium, bold) and packaging aesthetics. The attendees were offered a Water Experience Dinner too, where sommeliers paired water samples with gourmet meals. This was done to demonstrate how water can enhance or alter flavour notes, much like wine.

Water is not just a necessity; it's becoming a luxury symbol, and also a storytelling medium... With growing interest in wellness and conscious consumption, fine water sits at the intersection of health, culture and design

— Dr Michael Mascha, water sommelier

Sessions held at the summit explored various topics such as carbonation levels in the waters, pH balance, TDS (total dissolved solids) and the emotional connection consumers develop with water.



The jury members celebrated water as a sensory and cultural experience

The event featured over 100 rare and premium waters sourced from around the globe, including 4,000-year-old iceberg water from Norway and rain-harvested drops from Tasmania



Collagen craze: Youth in a jar or marketing hype?

Collagen is hailed as the ultimate skin booster among skincare enthusiasts. However, experts say that the hype far outweighs the scientific evidence of collagen supplement benefits

Aakanksha Ahire

Collagen supplements are the latest obsession among beauty and skincare enthusiasts. They promise beautiful skin, shiny tresses, and strong nails and bones. Aditi Chauhan (25) from New Delhi has been taking collagen supplements for a year. "The buzz around its promising benefits made me try it. It hydrated my skin and hair, but it is not a miracle cure. I complement it with a healthy diet and skincare routine."

On the contrary, Vrushali Wani (25) from Mumbai, who took collagen gummies for six months to address skin con-

cerns, shared that she didn't notice any visible improvements.

Similarly, Megha (35) from Pune took collagen for five months. However, she didn't get the desired benefits. "My hair and skin did improve a bit, but the supplement didn't meet my expectations, especially for the price I paid for it."

Dr Zara Dadi, a cosmetologist and aesthetician, says, "Studies suggest that collagen supplementation may help improve skin elasticity and hydration while supporting joint health, however, their results vary. Their effectiveness of the supplements depends on collagen type, source, and individual absorption."

Celebs, influencers driving the hype

Social media, celebrity endorsements and the desire to look youthful are common reasons behind the hype, opines Dr Zara Dadi.

Celebrities like Jennifer Aniston, Kourtney Kardashian and Halle Berry have long endorsed collagen supplements. While Aniston promoted a collagen brand on Instagram,

Kardashian has teamed up with the same brand in the past to release a line of exclusive flavours under her brand Poosh. The powder even featured on season 14 of *Keeping Up With the Kardashians*. Berry, too, has told *Business Insider* that she swears by collagen to stay youthful and healthy.

As for social media influence, Dr Bose says, "It is responsible for the hype. Content available online can be misleading in terms of cost-benefit analysis." Dr Gupte adds, "I have not come across anyone, apart from paid influencers, who say collagen supplements have made a difference in their skin and health."

Kourtney is often seen promoting her brand's collagen supplement on the family's show



WHAT IS COLLAGEN AND COLLAGEN SUPPLEMENT

Collagen, a natural protein in our bodies, supports skin, bones, joints, and tissues. With age, its production declines, leading to wrinkles and joint discomfort. Supplements claim to restore collagen, enhancing skin elasticity and easing joint pain.

Forms of supplements

Powder: Can be mixed with water, smoothies, or coffee

Capsules/tablets: Can be taken with water

Liquid: Ready-to-drink shots or bottles

Gummies: Flavoured chewables



Bizarre

US boy playing with mother's phone orders 70,000 lollipops

A Kentucky woman said her son, who's in second grade, was playing with her phone recently and secretly placed an online order for 70,000 lollipops — a total purchase of about \$4,200 (₹3.5 lakh). Holly LaFavers said on social media that she was shocked to discover 30 cases of lollipops on her doorstep, each containing 2,340 pieces of candy.



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Should you take it?

- Healthy young adults don't need collagen supplements, but it's generally safe to consume
- Helpful for those with ageing signs or joint issues
- Evaluate if you truly need it or are lifestyle changes

enough. A balanced diet and exercise suffice for most

- Always consult a medical expert before starting any supplement

(As suggested by cosmetologists, Dr Trishna Gupte and Dr Zara Dadi)

Do collagen supplements really work?

It is crucial to note that the body doesn't absorb the whole of the supplement consumed. Dr Trishna Gupte, a cosmetologist, shares, "There is data which states that marine and animal collagen are the only ones that can get absorbed to a certain extent and offer little hydration and bone health. She adds, "In India, many prefer to take vegan supplements, but it is difficult to derive benefits from them." Further, collagen single-handedly doesn't work. She says, "You also need calcium, vitamin D3 and C."

Additionally, Dr Agni Bose, a dermatologist, says, "Collagen is beneficial but certain concoctions people consume as collagen also have other antioxidants which make it hard to determine collagen's true effectiveness."

Types of collagen

Dr Gupte informs, "There are mainly three types of collagen molecules - type I, type II and type III. Collagen supplements are effective only if they contain all three molecules." Most supplements contain two types of collagen - marine collagen or animal collagen.

Collagen is inherently an animal-derived protein, so there's technically no such thing as vegan collagen. Vegan collagen typically contains collagen-boosting ingredients like vitamin C, zinc, and amino acids, which support its natural production. For those with a plant-based lifestyle, focusing on its precursors rather than collagen itself might be a more effective solution

— Dr Zara Dadi, cosmetologist and aesthetician

Collagen supplements are expensive to source. Their return on investment is low... If you are spending ₹100 on something, it should at least give you benefits worth ₹110. It is more beneficial to consume natural protein and Vitamin C to boost collagen production naturally

— Dr Agni Bose, dermatologist

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TIMES *interact*

The fountain pen is not ready to be written off, yet

Arka Das

In a world split over Miyazaki's hand-painted masterpieces and AI's cold replicas, the quiet but elegant resurgence of fountain pens is a moment to savour. From novices to collectors, loyal and discerning users to those who pursue bespoke and luxury brands as emblems of status — there is a fountain pen for everyone. And if the buzz at the recent pen festival in Kolkata was anything to go by, this romance with pen and ink is well and thriving.

A tactile resurgence

Post-COVID, as people turned to journaling, fountain pens became the writing instrument of choice. "Great artisanal pens are conversation starters," says retired geologist Yusuf Mansoor of Patna in a BBC feature on India's artisanal pens. With more than 7,000 fountain pens in his collection, he speaks for their pull beyond utility. "The nib learns your grip, your pressure. Over time, it mirrors you," says Mumbai-based Riyhad Kundanmal, an architect who has been using ink pens for over 25 years. "It's the drag of the nib, the way ink pools — it's alive," says collector Akash Banerjee.

Festivals like the Pen Show India in Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru brim with this energy — tables hold Sheaffers, Sailors, and Vazirs, while workshops tune nibs to personal quirks. Dedicated blogs and communities note a rise in chatter, with users swapping ink tips online — a sign the market for fountain pens is holding steady.

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Inks and nibs: The fountain pen in India

The late economist Bibek Debroy makes a passionate case for this old-school tool in his book *Inked in India*. "A fountain pen is sustainable, refillable, and has a soul. It becomes an extension of the person using it.... There is no reason why the world should not shift to using fountain pens, especially Indian ones." This aligns with the rise of Indian brands like Lotus, Click and ASA offering Japanese urushi-style lacquered finishes and gold nibs. Inks only deepen this ritual. Krishna Inks blends 'Pichola Blue' in small runs, while Sulekha offers themed collections inspired by Jamini Roy and Satyajit Ray. Fountain pens speak to those who value time, refinement, and craftsmanship — the irreplaceable experience of putting pen to paper. Miyazaki would have approved.

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Fountain pens as status symbols

If enthusiasts are drawn to the fountain pen's tactile, personal experience, for collectors they are the new status symbol. The rarer the piece, the better. Dibyendu Das, a Bengaluru banker, holds a Montblanc John Lennon edition — its vinyl grooves and guitar clip a nod to history. "The resin mimics vinyl records. The clip is a guitar neck. That pen is art," he says.

High-end pieces like the Montblanc Writers Edition or Montegrappa's Dragon start at ₹75,000 and soar well past ₹5 lakh. Some ultra-limited editions — crafted from precious metals or inlaid with jewels — are priced from ₹10 lakh. Some are pure jewellery — like the Cartier Crocodile Décor, with diamond-encrusted gold reptiles, priced at ₹97 lakh.

"The market for limited edition pens is like that for luxury watches. Over time, they appreciate in value because only a few are made and they sell out worldwide," says Ansh Chordiya, seller of premium fountain pens.

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Indian craftsmanship for the world

Indian brands have been instrumental in shaping this narrative. One of the pioneers was Radhika Nath Saha from Calcutta, who set up the first pen factory in India in 1907 and was awarded an American fountain pen patent in 1910. Calcutta is also home to the

77-year-old Pen Hospital, a nondescript workshop where every broken pen is nursed back to life.

In recent years, handcrafted Indian pens have captured the imagination of the discerning.

Vazir, from Mumbai, creates resin-and-brass fountain pens that start from ₹1,500 and go up to ₹8,000 for bespoke models. "Our philosophy was to offer hand-crafted luxury fountain pens that wouldn't break the bank," says proprietor Nisha Singh. Made from resins, acrylics, cellulose acetate and solid metals like aluminum and brass, Vazir is known for thick yet lightweight pens. Ranga Pens, founded by MS Pandurangan in Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu, crafts ebonite and rosewood pens fitted with Kanwrite nibs. Prices range from ₹2,000 to ₹12,000 and more for fully custom builds.

Montblanc
Taj Mahal
Limited
Edition
\$2M (₹169.50
crores approx)

Montegrappa
Dragon
Bruce Lee
\$290,000 (₹24.5
crore approx)

Vazir
(custom
design)
₹40,000-
₹45,000

The A-list fountain pen club

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: The creator of Sherlock Holmes was an admirer of the Parker Duofold fountain pen, which he used later in his life.

Albert Einstein: The renowned physicist used a Waterman Taper-cap fountain pen for his calculations and designs related to the Theory of Relativity.

Sylvester Stallone: The action film star collaborated with Italian pen manufacturer Montegrappa to design a fountain pen featuring intricate designs of snakes, reptiles, skulls, and swords.

Kristen Stewart: The actress is a pen collector and was gifted a \$46,000 limited edition Tibaldi Bentley Crewe fountain pen by fellow actor Robert Pattinson.

Emma Watson: Emma has been seen using a Parker fountain pen, which she relied on during her studies at Brown University.



— Inputs by Sundas Jawed
Do you use a fountain pen?
If yes, which one is your
favourite and why? Write to us
at pov@timesofindia.com

Simple moves for staying nimble in just 20 minutes

Like balance, power and mobility, your agility generally decreases with age unless you train it regularly. The key to a good agility program is exercises that quickly change direction, said Milica McDowell, a physical therapist. Getting into a regular habit of agility training can help you avoid a fall as well as improve your mental acuity.

Practicing a few times a week, you can expect to see improvements within a couple weeks, said

Brett Poniro, a strength and conditioning coach in New York and Luks' trainer.

"You'll feel the mental confidence of your training first," Poniro explained, "feeling comfortable moving faster. Then you'll see the physiological change."

The New York Times

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Getting started

Time: 20 to 25 minutes
Intensity: Moderate
Rounds: Two to three sets of each exercise
What you'll need

Two small cones. You can also use yoga blocks or dumbbells in their place. A racquetball, tennis ball or other small ball that can bounce. Chalk or tape for the ground to simulate an agility ladder, which you can also use.

Adjust for you

If you are new to agility training, scale the moves to your ability. Where one athlete might shuttle run between cones, an 82-year-old who does little exercise might replace the run with a step toward a cone and then a step back.

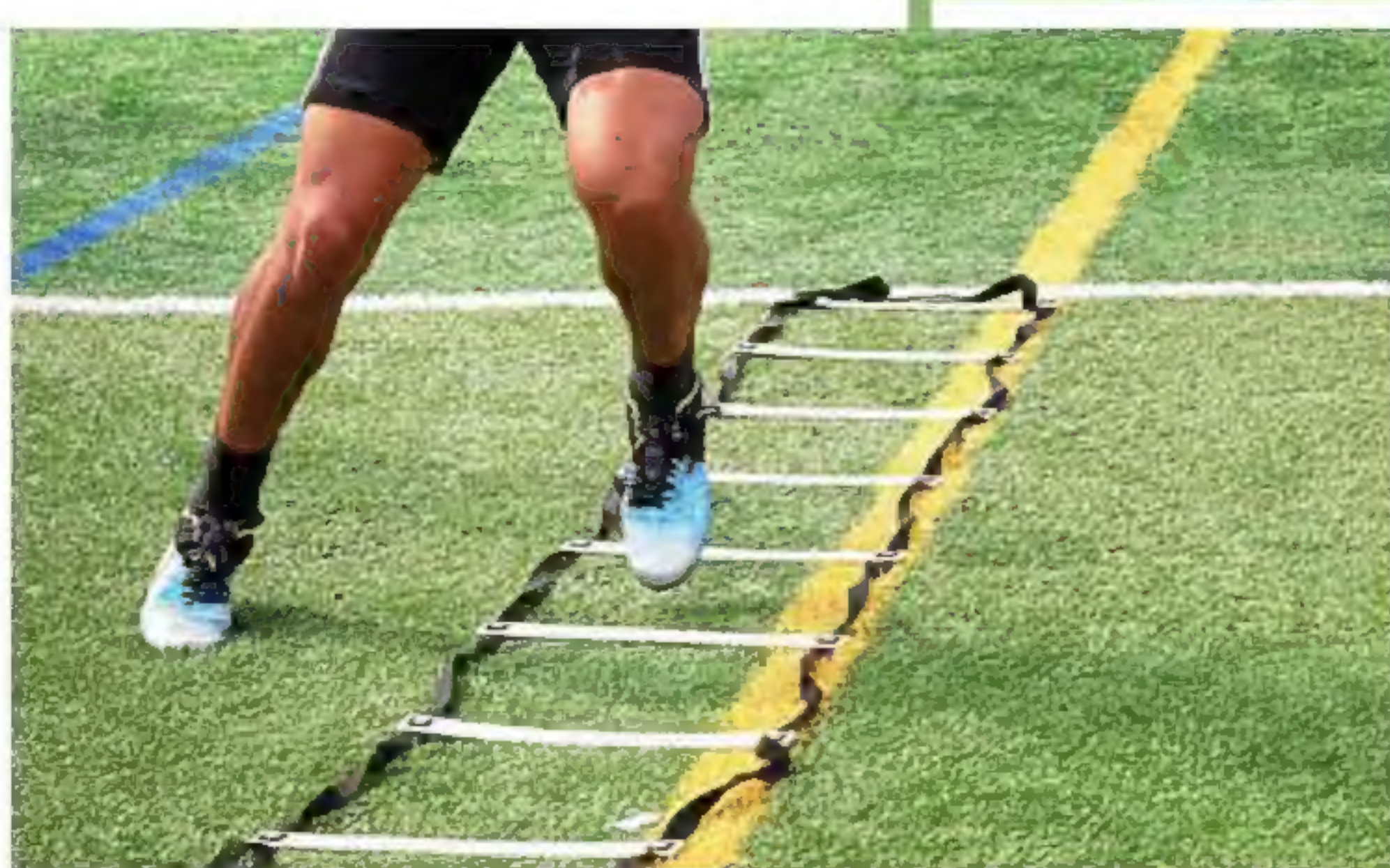


FIGURE EIGHT DRILL: Set two dumbbells, cones or yoga blocks 10 to 15 feet apart. Picture the top, bottom and middle of a figure eight in your mind. Run the figure eight, aiming to improve your reaction time on turns and curves. Try switching directions with each set



LADDER DRILLS: Start with a 15-foot chalk line, tape or cord. Quickly step over the line with one foot at a time, bringing both feet to one side before going back across to the other. With each step, move sideways down the line until you reach the end. Turn back to go the opposite way. As you improve, try an agility ladder to do these step-ins/outs while moving forward up and down the ladder

The workout

Sequence: Complete each drill three times before moving to the next. Start with one minute of rest after each drill and work that down to 30 seconds. **For each movement:** Do as many repetitions as you can in the time allowed. The goal is to increase your speed. **Carioca drill:** 30 seconds in each direction, repeated three times. **Ladder drills:** 30 seconds, repeated three times. **Figure eight drill:** 20 seconds, repeated three times. **Agility balls:** 30 seconds, repeated three times. **Skaters:** 15 repetitions, repeated three times. **Shuttle runs:** 30 seconds, repeated three times.

AGILITY BALLS: Hold a tennis ball or other small, bouncy ball in front of you near ear level. Drop it and squat down quickly with the goal of catching it in the same hand after it bounces once and starts to come down again. To make this more challenging, toss the ball against a wall and catch it one hand.

While agility training, use a flat training shoe or even go barefoot on a cushioned surface, McDowell said. "This is not a time to work out in big, cushy training shoes, because you'll risk an ankle sprain"

How to: Maintain your hair after a workout regimen

MAINTAIN YOUR HAIR AFTER A WORKOUT

Tie your hair in a loose bun, ponytail, or braid to prevent tangling. Use a moisture-wicking headband or scarf to absorb sweat around your hairline.

POST-WORKOUT CARE:

Use a soft, absorbent towel or a hairdryer on a cool setting to gently dry your scalp. Apply dry shampoo to the roots to absorb excess oil. If your scalp is too sweaty, rinse with water instead of shampooing every time. Use a leave-in conditioner on the lengths for hydration.

SCALP CARE:

Cleanse your scalp with a gentle, sulphate-free



shampoo 2-3 times a week. Massage your scalp to boost blood circulation.

DEEP CONDITIONING: Apply a deep conditioning mask once a week for moisture and repair.

REGULAR DETANGLING: Use a wide-tooth comb on damp hair to prevent breakage.

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ONE COUNTRY. ONE MISSION:

CELEBS SALUTE INDIAN ARMED FORCES FOR OPERATION SINDOOR

As the news and details of Operation Sindoor came on Wednesday, Indian celebs reacted with messages of praise, prayer and pride

Mao Shichigan
@weAllGonnaDye

The way Bollywood is absolutely gonna milk this there's gonna be a scene of a dumbstruck pakistani general explaining to their PM 'Lekin janaab unhone toh mock drill bola tha' camera cuts to paresh rawal smirking at his mobile and the crowd goes wild

SACHIN TENDULKAR

Fearless in unity. Boundless in strength. India's shield is her people. There's no room for terrorism in this world. We're ONE TEAM! Jai Hind #OperationSindoor

AJAY DEVGN

Saluting our Honourable Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi and our Indian forces. India stands tall and strong. Jai Hind



AKSHAY KUMAR

Jai Hind Jai Mahakaal

SHEKHAR KAPUR

India's response to Pahalgam terrorists attacks is befitting a Nation that is showing the world how responsible and confident it is in itself. Without the rhetoric of War #operation_sindoor is a precise hit at territories and organisation that backed the horrendous terrorist that killed innocent civilians. #BharatMataKiJai #PahalgamTerroristAttack #operation_sindoor

SONU SOOD

Justice is served. Jai Hind

SUNIEL SHETTY

Terror has no place. Zero Tolerance. Total Justice. #OperationSindoor.

NIMRAT KAUR

United with our forces. One country. One mission. #JaiHind #OperationSindoor

RAVEENA TANDON

Bharat has always stood for peace and righteousness. Yet, for decades, we have endured a proxy war sponsored by hostile forces - costing countless innocent lives. Despite offering peace through many initiatives and talks. The world must now act against terror factories. India's actions are well thought of, defensive, focused solely on eliminating terror threats - not civilians. Our soldiers and our people have shown immense patience and courage. I stand firmly with my nation, our armed forces, our leadership and our people.

KICCHA SUDEEPA

As an Indian... as a son of this sacred soil, I felt the tremor of pain in Pahalgam. Today, I feel the thunder of justice. Operation Sindoor: not just a mission, but a sacred vow. The sindoor of Bharat was stained... our bravehearts restored its honor with fire and precision. To our Armed Forces, my endless salute.

MOHAMMAD SHAMI

The Indian Armed Forces turned adversity into a powerful Fateh moment. Their courage and valor in the face of danger have made us all proud #operationsindoor

RAJINIKANTH

The fighter's fight begins... No stopping until the mission is accomplished! The entire NATION is with you. @PMOIndia @HMOIndia #OperationSindoor JAI HIND

ANUPAM KHER

Bharat Mata Ki Jai #OperationSindoor

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'Authenticity on social media isn't just important, it is the only way'

It's an incredible time for content creators in India right now, said Shraddha during the session

Vinay MR Mishra

Content doesn't always have to be strategic. It should come from the heart. It should be who you truly are," said Shraddha Kapoor while making a compelling case for the need for authenticity on social media. During an interaction with Adam Mosseri, the head of Instagram, at the WAVES 2025 session titled 'Enabling Creative Expression: How Gen Z Consumes Content', the actress urged content creators to lead with heart in a world driven by algorithms.

'IT'S AN INCREDIBLE TIME FOR CONTENT CREATORS IN INDIA RIGHT NOW'

The *Stree* actress, known for her genuine and engaging online persona, kicked off the conversation by emphasizing the profound impact of

'I consider myself to a meme addict'

Bringing her trademark candour, Shraddha admitted to being a "meme addict". She said, "I consider myself a meme addict - I'm constantly sending them to my friends and family; we share memes on WhatsApp too. It's remarkable how quickly trends form and evolve, with each generation finding its own unique voice." This dynamic and ever-changing landscape presents both opportunities and challenges for content creators, the actress noted.

part of smartphones on content creation. Highlighting how these devices have levelled the playing field, allowing anyone to become a creator and producer, Shraddha said, "Content creation is a new word that has been introduced probably in the last decade. But content creation, is pretty much storytelling, right? And what better country than India to tell a story? We're so rich in storytelling (traditions) - we've grown up with them in our households. We're already in an incredible place. You see a *chaiwala* creating content, people creating content in their bedrooms... they don't need those large setups. It's an incredible time for content creators in India right now - and I believe it's only going to get better from here."

'WE CAN ALL TELL WHEN SOMEONE ISN'T BEING REAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA'

Shraddha also emphasized the value of genuine, heartfelt content, saying, "Authenticity isn't just important - it's the only way. We can all tell when someone isn't being real. They say the camera doesn't lie, and it's true - people connect more deeply when you show all facets of who you are. It should come from the heart. It should be who you truly are."

Anil & Sonam mourn Nirmal Kapoor with throwback pics

Sonam with Nirmal Kapoor on her wedding day

One of the throwback photos Anil Kapoor shared featured Nirmal Kapoor (C) with other members of the family, including Sanjay, Shanaya, Sunita and Anshula Kapoor

Anil Kapoor penned a tribute to his late mother Nirmal Kapoor, who passed on May 2 at the age of 90. Sharing a series of throwback photos featuring Nirmal Kapoor with various members of the family, the actor expressed gratitude for those who stood with the family during this tough time. He wrote, "The love pouring in from all walks of life has been overwhelming. I truly don't have the words to express how grateful we are. My mother touched so many lives, not just directly but through the people she nurtured, supported, and loved. She was one of those remarkable women who never stood in the spotlight but whose strength held everyone together. A silent pillar, always smiling, always caring, always bringing warmth to those around her. She was the glue that kept our family close, from our children to our grandchildren, and even our extended family and friends."

Sonam Kapoor too took to her Instagram on Tuesday to remember her grandmother Nirmal Kapoor. Sharing a series of photos featuring the latter in candid frames, the actress wrote, "Love you Dadi."

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SAGARIKA GHATGE, who recently welcomed her first child, with husband Zaheer Khan, shared glimpses of their son Fatehsinh Khan on social media, on Tuesday. She captioned the post with heart and evil eye emojis